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NEW ERA FOR TOWN CENTRE

Report by Charlotte Lilley

DELIGHTED MP Tom Watson has described the opening of New Square shopping centre at the herat of the borough as 'the start of things to come' for West Bromwich.

Progress for town – Tom Watson MP

The £200 million development has been years in the making and will welcome its first shoppers today (Thursday) as the modern glass mall unveils a number of big name stores, plus a massive new Tesco and a five-screen Odeon cinema.

The West Bromwich East MP said: "I am delighted and relieved the centre is opening because I have been campaigning for this since I was elected in 2001.

Overdue

"It is long overdue and has been a work in progress for many years but now that it is here, it is the start of things to come for West Bromwich," said the Labour MP.

"Over the last 10 years, we have made steady progress to regenerate the town centre by improving transport links and providing residents with new housing.

"I am very pleased the development has brought new jobs to the area for local people and equally pleased that residents will be able to enjoy a first-class shopping experience which is exactly what they deserve."

More than 2,000 jobs have been created by the scheme, which is being led by Tesco's regeneration arm Spenhill. Around 1,000 workers were involved in the construction.

Businesses have clamoured to sign up to the scheme which will also include a major new Primark store, opening later this year.

Leader of Sandwell Council, Councillor Darren Cooper, described the opening as the start of a new era for the town.

He said: "For years we've been working to transform West Bromwich into one of the region's top towns, so it's with great pride and satisfaction that we see New Square open its doors.

"It is fantastic to see top high street brands, a new cinema and a range of restaurants come to the town with even more to open in the coming months.

"These really are exciting times for everyone not just in West Bromwich but in Sandwell.

"But the opening of of New Square doesn't mean our work is done for West Bromwich – improvements are being made to Queen's Square shopping centre and the existing High Street and next year a new swimming pool and leisure centre will open."

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The Public is a focus for future

MP Tom Watson said he would try to help secure the future of The Public arts centre in his West Bromwich constituency as he revealed how he intends to spend his time away from front-line politics.

The West Bromwich East MP resigned as Labour's deputy chairman and Ed Miliband's campaign co-ordinator last week. It came as the party became embroiled in a row about the alleged influence by the Unite trade union over the selection of its candidates.

Mr Watson's office manager Karie Murphy has been suspended by the party. She was the union's favoured potential candidate for Falkirk in Scotland.

But Mr Watson has stressed that he has been thinking about stepping down from the role for the past six months and said he had nothing to do with the selection row in Falkirk..

He said: "There's a lot to do in West Bromwich. There are people concerned about the future of The Public and I'm going to do a consultation on that."

Arts boss humbled by support

THE managing director of The Public said she has been 'humbled' by the support of 5,000 people after a petition was handed to Sandwell Council bosses against plans to turn it into a sixth-form college.

The 5,000-signature petition, calling for 'The Public to remain as a valuable community, cultural and learning resource for everyone', was organised by apprentices from the LearnPlay Foundation, a tenant at the New Street venue.

Support

It was handed over at Sandwell Council House in Oldbury.

Ms Saunders said: "We have been touched and humbled by the support.

"It shows that lots of people have taken the Public to their hearts. They can see the benefits to their families and members of the wider community.

"The people who come to the Public are not just spending money here. They are spending money in town too. The building is contributing to the wider economy."

Sandwell College wants to take over the arts centre in West Bromwich, which opened in 2008, and provide places for 500 A-level students.

Talks are continuing to take place between the council and the college. A final decision is due to be made by late summer in order for the sixth form to open in September 2014.

Crash baby back home

A BABY thrown from a pushchair when it was struck by a car has been discharged from hospital.

The boy was thought to have suffered serious head injuries but police said they were found to be less severe than first feared.

Witnesses said a mother had been trying to cross Walsall Road in Great Barr with her child moments before the crash on Friday. The baby was treated by ambulance crews before being taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Doggles for a cool canine

Smart dog Bugsy sports his fashionable prescribed shades prepared by vets in Tividale

BUGSY is proving he is the coolest dog in town with his specially-designed shades.

But the crossbreed pooch is not just making a fashion statement – he has been prescribed 'Doggles' in a bid to cope with his eye condition.

Bugsy, owned by David Jones, from Tipton, suffers from an eye condition called pannus. The condition causes discomfort, redness and pigment changes on the eye which can become especially severe in bright conditions

After considering several options, White Cross Vets on Regent Road in Tividale found 10-year-old Bugsy a pair of Doggles that he can wear outside to block the UV light.

Mr Jones, 74, who has owned Bugsy for seven years, said: "It was around four year ago when I noticed he was having problems. I 'm pleased I have now found a solution."

Mr Jones, of Aston Road, added: "At first Bugsy wanted to get them off his face. After a while I think he started to realise they were doing him good."

Old college site to get a revamp

MULTI-MILLION pound redevelopment plans which will see new apartments, shops and a hotel built in West Bromwich High Street have been backed by town planners.

Scores of jobs will also be created under the ambitious Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) scheme to overhaul the site which includes the former Sandwell College building.

Now an outline planning application for the development has been approved by planning officers, using delegated powers.

Regeneration

The Government body which invests in regeneration projects wants to demolish the old college block and replace it with a new six storey building.

The application for outline planning consent made to Sandwell Council requested approval be given for retail, financial and professional services, restaurants and cafes, residential, leisure and business.

The housing developer also wants to create a new vehicle access off High Street, parking and landscaping. The plans include a public courtyard space.

Councillor Ian Jones said: "I think the new proposals will bring new life into that area of the High Street and its mixed development will offer a different experience, whether it be retail or trade to attract people into the area."

Mum-to-be in car roll

A PREGNANT woman and two children were taken to hospital after the car they were travelling in overturned on a road in Great Barr.

Fire crews were called to Newton Road just after 9pm on Monday night to find the woman, who was seven months pregnant and two children aged five and eight.

Crew commander Andy Bolwell from West Bromwich fire station said: "The car, a Vauxhall Corsa, had rolled multiple times and hit a tree."

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More classrooms needed at popular school

A MOBILE classroom is being brought in at a Sandwell primary school to help it deal with an influx of new pupils, whilst building work takes place on a permanent extension.

The portable building, which will be used as two temporary classrooms, is being installed at Hargate Primary School, West Bromwich, as it increases pupil intake from 30 to 60.

Extension work on the existing building is set to start in November and be completed in August next year, but the increase in numbers will start from this September. The portable classroom is to be installed on the edge of the playground at the Hargate Lane school, pending a planning application.

Headteacher Andrew Orgill said the temporary classrooms would also replace two outdated mobile units currently at the school, where the new extension will be.

He added: "We basically need room for the children, and this mobile unit is a temporary solution just for this year. The new build needs to be opened for September 2014, and come that date we will need no mobiles on this site."

The extension will be for eight classrooms, studio, specialist teaching area and library.

Hargate Primary School is among four schools expanding as Sandwell Council accommodates more primary aged children. The others are All Saints CE Primary, Wilford Road, West Bromwich; Burnt Tree Primary, Hill Road, Tividale; and Moat Farm Infants, Brookfields Road, in Oldbury.

Murderer guilty of a brutal bar killing

A MAN who repeatedly stamped on his victim's head as lay unconscious during a pub fight has been found guilty of murder.

It took a jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court four hours to decide Dominic Santos Fraser was guilty of murdering Kevin Hadley at The Lounge Bar in Market Place, Tipton.

But the jury decided he was not guilty of a separate charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm in connection with an attack on Mr Hadley's father, also called Kevin Hadley.

Fraser, aged 32, from Highfield Road, Tipton, will now be sentenced at a separate hearing, expected to be next week.

Speaking after the unanimous decision, Judge John Warner told Fraser: "It's life imprisonment – the only issue is how long you spend in custody before you are released."

Killer – Dominic Fraser

Argument

During the trial, the jury heard violence flared in the pub on October 16.

Mr Hadley, who was 30, and his father, both from Slater Street in West Bromwich, had been drinking in Tipton and West Bromwich before the incident. By the time they reached The Lounge Bar they had consumed 10 pints of beer.

An argument started between Mr Hadley and a friend of Fraser's. Mr Hadley Jnr was described as acting aggressively – his self-control "blurred by alcohol" – when he squared up to a group of men playing pool.

Mr Gordon Aspden, prosecuting, said Kevin Hadley Jnr, 29, was responsible for starting this trouble.

The jury was shown CCTV footage of the violence that ensued, involving a number of people in the bar, in which Kevin Hadley Jnr was hit with a pool cue by 24-year-old Shazad Ali, from Tudor Street in Tipton.

It also showed another man stamping on him when he was on the floor.

The stamps left shoeprints on Mr Hadley's face, which detectives forensically matched to a trainer worn by Fraser.

Fraser, from Highfield Road, Tipton, claimed he was acting to protect himself.

Four other men have already been convicted of offences in connection with the same violent incident.

Shazad Ali, 25, from Tudor Street, Tipton, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Mr Hadley at an earlier hearing.

Roy Cross, 30, from Powis Avenue, Tipton, has admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm on Kevin Hadley senior, and to attempting to inflict grievous bodily harm with intent.

Sadaqut Ali, 32, from Madeley Road, Kingswinford, has pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and Hafizur Rahman, 30, from Tudor Street, Tipton, pleaded guilty to using threatening words or behaviour.

Ella've a way for baby to arrive

Outside the lift medics Nigel Goodman, Nikki Wildman and baby Ella Nicola with mum Melissa Cavanagh and dad Paul Yeomans *Photograph: West Midlands Ambulance Service*

THE decision to name a baby is never an easy one but for a couple from Rowley Regis the trauma of baby arriving in a broken elevator made the choice easier

Ella Nicola – that's Ella short for elevator – was safely born on Friday weighing 6lbs 1oz in the faulty lift in a block of flats in Reservoir Road.

Had it not been for the actions of paramedics it may have been a tragic story.

Contractions

Paramedics Steve Millward, Nigel Goodman and Nikki Wildman were called to the ninth floor of the flats just before 1pm.

They arrived to find Ella's mum, 23-year-old Melissa Cavanagh and dad, 25-year-old Paul Yeomans in their flat and decided to take the lift down.

But moments later the lift broke trapping the five of them inside.

Nikki, who has been with the West Midlands Ambulance Service for 15 years, said: "When the lift stopped we didn't think anything of it initially – about 20 minutes later, we were all still in the lift when Melissa's contractions started to get a lot closer together. We all looked at each other because we knew the baby wasn't going to wait for the lift to be repaired."

Despite the cramped and hot conditions the team set to work and delivered Ella whilst firefighters worked to open the lift doors.

Emergency care assistant Nigel Goodman, who was working with Nikki, added: "When it was all over, I remember saying to Melissa and Paul that they should call her Ella, short for elevator and they have!"

In honour of the paramedics actions, the parents thought it only appropriate make Ella's middle name Nicola, after all the work that her namesake did to deliver her.

Mother-of-three Melissa said: "Neither of us like lifts at the best of times, so when it got stuck we panicked. It's all thanks to Nicola, Steve and Nigel as we couldn't have done it without them."

Artist Fred dies

Artist Fred Barnfield

CELEBRATED artist Fred Barnfield, who campaigned to have the names of 1,000 fallen soldiers added to Wednesbury war memorial, has died aged 77.

The father of two died on Friday at Walsall Manor Hospital following a battle with throat cancer.

Mr Barnfield grew up in Tipton but spent much of his life in Wednesbury working as an iron moulder in a foundry.

Inspiring

He gained great renown in 1984 as The Wednesbury Blobber for his 'blob' portraits, using a brush and a squeezy bottle.

Vice Chairman of Tipton Civic Society, Keith Hodgkins said: "He was one of those amazing people who had very little formal education, but had educated himself, and was knowledgeable. He was inspiring."

Builder was swindling customers

A BUILDER admitted swindling customers by taking almost £100,000 for work he did not do at homes around Sandwell and Birmingham.

Gary Powis on Monday pleaded guilty to 11 charges of fraud totalling £99,265 at Wolverhampton Crown Court. The 49-year-old from Iverley Road, in Halesowen, took the money for building supplies, labour costs, roofing materials and, in one case, replacement doors, but did not carry out the work homeowners had expected.

He struck at homes around Sandwell, as well as Northfield and Quinton, at various times between April 2007 and December 2010.

Powis will now be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on August 2.

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Fire service promised financial help after huge blaze

WEST Midlands Fire Service will be offered financial support by Government following the blaze at the Jayplas plant in Smethwick.

The blaze, sparked by a Chinese lantern, wa one of the biggest the brigade ever dealt with and is estimated to have cost £6 million. More than 200 firefighters were called to the site on June 30 and remained for a week.

The Department for Communities and Local Government says it will look sympathetically on the fire service where they have incurred extra costs. They stand ready to reimburse the West Midlands Fire Service for 85 per cent of the cost incurred under the Bellwin scheme, which gives assistance with financial burdens due to large-scale emergencies.

Exceptional

Fire Minister Brandon Lewis said: "Firefighters did an excellent job getting the Smethwick blaze under control and the cause will be thoroughly investigated.

"Given the exceptional scale and nature of the fire, and the costs involved in tackling it, the Government has activated its emergency response Bellwin scheme."

Councillor John Edwards, chairman of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, said: "We are not sure of the amount yet but it is good news whatever the figure turns out to be, we welcome it."

Meanwhile, Poundland has pulled Chinese lanterns from sale in the wake of the devastating fire.

CCTV footage showed a Chinese lantern landing on the site, containing up to 100,000 bales of plastic, before it burst into flames.

Willenhall-based chain Poundland, which has more than 300 branches nationwide, has since removed the lanterns from their shelves.

Richard Lancaster, trading director at Poundland, said: "We constantly review our buying decisions in accordance to what's happening around us. After hearing the news about the fire in Smethwick we have made a decision to stop selling lanterns to our customers and recalled all remaining stock from stores."

There are growing calls for a ban on the novelty floating lights, also known as sky lanterns.

Manager Carl Fletcher at the new Odeon five-screen cinema opening in West Bromwich

Final touches for the glass-roofed pedestrian shopping mall at the New Square development

Glassy £200m New Square transforms the town centre

MODERN glass frontages, shiny new stores and household names – these pictures show the incredible latest look of West Bromwich's £200 million New Square development, which is unveiled to customers today (Thursday).

The long-awaited mammoth project will totally transform the town centre.

Pristine new shops are being given their finishing touches, fixtures and fittings ahead of the official opening by Albion legend Cyrille Regis today at 12.30.

The landmark retail development will be anchored by huge new Tesco Extra and Primark stores, and marks the return of a top cinema chain to the town centre with the opening of a state-of-the-art five-screen Odeon cinema

Hundreds of jobs are being created by the scheme which is being led by Tesco's regeneration arm Spenhill. The eye-catching blue-coloured two-storey Primark store, due to open later this year, will dominate the West Bromwich skyline with its quirky panel design. The company has begun the fit-out of its new 50,000 sq ft store ready for its grand opening in the autumn.

Technology

The huge Tesco Extra store, opening this morning, features a wooden and glass entrance and the iconic Tesco signage.

The car park at the site will also have the latest technology – using ticketless digital equipment cars to track on their way in and out.

The light and airy shopping malls are lined by big name stores such as Next, Outfit, Bank, JD Sports, Deichmann and Phones4U, all of which are due to open today. Sports Direct has also signed up to take on a unit.

Pedestrianised areas will featuretwo huge 'living' walls in the central piazza. A variety of shrubs are being planted within the two 26ft-high walls, providing natural colour and foliage all-year round. The walls, developed by Tesco's architects, Haskoll, have been designed to create green space in the scheme.

Businesses have clamoured to sign up to the scheme including top retail and restaurant chains.

Poundworld and Greggs are among the latest tenants, while visitors can also enjoy food outlets including Chinese buffet restaurant Real China, Nandos, Prezzo, Harvester and Costa.

The whole development is expected to create around 1,200 jobs. More than 5,000 people applied for just 275 new jobs at the Tesco store alone.

The massive Tesco Extra store the New Square retail and leisure development opening in West Bromwich town centre

Steve Burr, New Square manager, said: "The centre is a real hub of activity as many of the retailers, restaurants and Odeon cinema prepare for the grand opening."

Shoppers who spend £5 or more in Tesco will get two hours free car parking, while visitors not shopping in Tesco will be charged 80p per hour.

Matthew Magee, corporate affairs manager for Tesco, said: "Our intention is to make the whole shopping experience at New Square as enjoyable and easy as possible.

"The technology around car parking has moved on and this means the brand new destination will benefit from a quick and efficient system, designed to make parking simple."

The Odeon cinema opens to the public on Friday, following a VIP opening being held tonight.

The five-screen cinema will show the latest blockbusters and 3D films using state-of-the-art digital technology including the later surround sound system. All the screens are 3D enabled.

Odeon has invested £3 million in the cinema complex, and has kitted the cinema out in the latest Inspire Odeon branding. Bosses at the cinemas said they had already received bookings ffor their opening week.

Roger Harris, Odeon chief operating officer for UK and Ireland said: "We are thrilled to be part of the New Square development and very much looking forward to welcoming guests."

Mr Burr added: "West Bromwich has waited a long time for its own cinema experience and I know that the Odeon will be a great asset."

NEWS in brief

Carnival time in Brunswick Park

ORGANISERS are making the final preparations for the return of Wednesbury Carnival, which takes place on Saturday in Brunswick Park.

The popular event was cancelled last summer due to heavy rain but this year is due to go ahead in scorching temperatures.

Festivities will kick off at 1pm when the event is officially opened by Sandwell marathon man 'Blind Dave' Heeley.

Entry is free and entertainment includes dance and karate displays, a Navy Cadets gun carriage display, and stage acts including Irish band Tthe Shindiggers, plus the Pat Collins Funfair.

The event is set to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

Fun and games at woods picnic

THE 12th Picnic in the Park in Smethwick will be held on Sunday at Warley Woods on Lightwoods Hill.

There will be live music throughout the afternoon featuring Brandhall Community Choice, Less for Murder, Poppy Wilkes and Flat Stanley, plus a dance display.

Warley Woods Community Trust Manager Viv Cole said: "We have a really strong community team working together to create a great event for everyone to enjoy."

Bring a picnic. The event runs from 1pm to 6pm.

Masked robbers in raid at jewellers

MASKED robbers armed with a pick axe raided a pawnbroker's in Smethwick, making off with thousands of pounds worth of items.

Four burst into H and T Pawnbrokers in the West Cross shopping centre, Oldbury Road, just after 9am on June 27.

Theydemanded cash from the staff and stole jewellery before speeding off in a silver hatchback car with blacked out windows.

Four aldermen will be invested

FOUR former Sandwell councillors are to be made honorary aldermen in a ceremony this month.

The honour will be given to David Hinton, his wife Pauline, Martin Prestidge and Sadie Smith.

The investiture ceremony will take place in the Sandwell Council chamber inOldbury on July 30.

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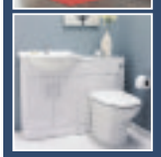

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NEWS

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

A RECYCLING centre in Smethwick is set ablaze by a Chinese lantern and our immediate response is to run around like headless chickens calling for a new law to ban such devices. For heaven's sake, we do not need any new laws. England has been passing laws for 1,000 years and the law against deliberately or recklessly starting fires is fully covered by the Criminal Damage Act. All we need is a prosecution or two to make the point that sending a naked flame aloft in a Chinese lantern is as reckless as lobbing a petrol bomb over your neighbour's fence.

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"IT WOULD be too much to say that death does not frighten me, but I have no fear of the hereafter because I do not believe in it." From the last interview by the Nobel-winning scientist Christian de Duve, 95, whose death by legally-assisted suicide in Belgium was reported this week. He went out, according to his family, with "a smile and a goodbye."

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AN INTERNET poll shows a big resurgence of "extreme retro" names from Victorian times. But we all grow old and one day today's young people, with names like Chardonnay, Sting, River and Waynetta, will become old people, living in homes where they will be cared for by young people called Mabel, Florence, Winifred and Stanley.

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"THE Conservatives' high priest of enthusiasm." Boris Johnson, as described this week by political pundit Benedict Brogan.

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AS anyone in academia will tell you, there are two great reasons to become a teacher, namely July and August. The long, sunny, six-week holidays are a relic from the time when kids were needed to bring in the harvest and are a huge attraction for would-be teachers. No wonder that union leaders are enraged by the Government's Deregulation Bill which will allow head teachers, not local authorities, to set term times and holidays. But I doubt if they have much to worry about. Most heads, like most teachers, want long holidays and a quiet life. The last thing they desire is to be pinned up against the wall by angry parents complaining that they can't juggle family holidays to suit a changed term. The most likely outcome is that schools in the same area will quietly agree on the same holidays and that any head who tries to introduce radical new short terms will get a flurry of resignation notes from the staffroom.

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WHAT rocked me slightly on my heels in the school-term reports was the passing reference to how many state schools there are in the UK. Go on, have a guess. The answer is about 25,000. In the internet age when all the world's knowledge, languages and culture are a mouse-click away, isn't it extraordinary that we have no better means of educating children than dragooning them in batches of 30 through 14 years of lessons, at the end of which some can't even string a sentence together? There must be a better way.

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MEMORANDUM. From the White House, Washington, to EU Headquarters, Brussels: As a mark of goodwill, the United States Government hereby solemnly pledges that all electronic eavesdropping on the emails, offices, phone conversations and personal diaries of EU officials and politicians will cease as of 2000 hrs on Monday, July 15 (immediately after Angela Merkel's pedicure appointment).

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Probe into 'baffling' death of girl

THE Independent Police Complaints Commission is investigating after a teenage girl died after being found unconscious in her bedroom.

Megan Edmunds, 14, was found unconscious in the bedroom of her New Street home in Tipton by mother Victoria Nuttall. She later died at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley.

The death is not being treated as suspicious, but it has been referred to the IPCC as the police were in contact with Megan in the 24 hours before her death.

Her uncle Tim Underhill, 53, said the death had baffled the family.

"We have not got a clue. The police are doing a lot of investigating. They are looking at her Facebook, interviewing her brothers and sisters," he said.

Megan was the youngest of five children and a pupil at a referral unit in Smethwick.

On the day before her death, the family were expecting Megan home from a friend's house at 9pm. But she failed to arrived. They called police around midnight. The youngster was found by police in Manchester and was returned home at 5am.

Listening

She was last seen by her brother Liam just hours before she was found unconscious on Tuesday.

"He went upstairs at around 3pm and put his head round her door to say he was going out," said Mr Underhill. "She was fine, just sitting on the bed listening to music.

"Then, three hours later her mother found her."

He added: "Megan was such a happy-go-lucky kid. There is speculation she was being bullied but there is nothing concrete. Everyone is baffled."

Mrs Nuttall is living at his home in Stourbridge,because she is too distraught to go back to Tipton.

West Midlands Police spokesman, Lee Page, said: "Her death is not being treated as suspicious and the coroner has been informed. It has been referred to the IPCC due to police contact with the teenager in the 24 hours leading up to her death."

Sandwell Council's children's services boss Councillor Simon Hackett said: "This is a terrible tragedy and I offer my deepest sympathies to this teenager's family and everyone who knew her.

"An inquest will take place in due course to establish all the facts surrounding her untimely death."

Megan Edmunds died aged 14

Mortgage worry led to suicide of father

A FATHER-OF-ONE killed himself after falling into mortgage arrears, an inquest heard.

Michael Galvin, aged 31, from Birch Crescent in Tividale, was found hanged at his home by his partner and a friend on March 25, an inquest was told at Smethwick Council House.

His partner Kim Walter told Black Country coroner Robin Balmain that the shop fitter had not been to work due to bad snow, so was at home after having taken his son to school.

She left to go to work but had to turn back because of the weather and phoned him to tell him she was on her way.

But when she arrived Mr Galvin did not answer the door, so she called one of his friends to help her get inside, and found Mr Galvin's body.

She told the inquest that at the time she did not know of any reason why he would do this but later discovered he had fallen into arrears on the mortgage.

Mr Balmain recorded a verdict that Mr Galvin killed himself.

Teenage metal thief fell through a roof

A TEENAGER fell through a roof and two accomplices had to be rescued when they tried to steal metal from a derelict factory in Tipton, a court heard.

Eleven police units, a police dog unit, two ambulances, an on-call doctor and a police helicopter were dispatched to the former IMX factory in Tipton to deal with the incident.

Mark O'Connor suffered severe bruising to his arms, legs and back when he fell 25 feet, while Ethan Mills and Anthony Martin had to be brought down by firefighters

The three had been due to face trial last week, each charged with a count of being found in an enclosed yard for an unlawful purpose, but they changed their pleas to guilty at the last minute.

Sandwell Magistrates Court heard that the men were seen climbing over a fence to get into the premises in Whitehall Road at 7.40pm on April 3. Then they were seen on the roof of the building.

Police were called and surrounded the would-be thieves, who were arrested.

Mrs Helen Pinning, defending O'Connor, said: "He does accept they went out to see if there was any leftover cable in and around the building.

"The two young men who had to be assisted from the roof by the fire brigade did feel they could get down by themselves but they were told by police to remain on the roof."

by David Lumb

The call-out cost the emergency service £400.

Mrs Pinning said O'Connor, who recently went to prison after a suspended sentence was activated for stealing metal at Wolverhampton University, was lucky not to have been killed when he fell.

She said he had become a different man since, adding that his girlfriend was due to give birth to his child this month. "He has grown up rather rapidly over the past few months," she said.

"He got more than his just deserts by falling 25 feet through the roof."

O'Connor, 19, of Droydon Close, Tipton, was ordered to carry out 150 hours' unpaid work and to pay £150 costs, £133 compensation and a £60 victim surcharge.

Mills, 18, of Claypit Lane, West Bromwich, was ordered to do 50 hours and pay £150 costs, £133 compensation and a £60 victim surcharge. Martin, 20, of Bailey Street, West Bromwich, was given a conditional discharge, has to pay £150 costs, £133 compensation and £15 surcharge.

Prom-ising business brains

Kate Edwards-Tench and Nadeem Muhammad, both aged 11, raising money for the school prom at Uplands Manor Primary School, Smethwick

ENTERPRISING youngsters at a Smethwick school have set up their own cafe business which will help fund their school prom.

The 90 pupils in year six at Uplands Manor Primary School started a cafe at the school selling baguettes as part of a project.

Teacher Mrs Chris Kettle-More, said: "It is an enterprise scheme that we run at the end of year six where children put together their own cafe project. They do all the things involved in running a small business."

The teachers appointed two managing directors and the young MDs then interview other pupils forpositions. The children are then involved in research, menu development and make the baguettes themselves under supervision. They calculate the cost to sell the product at a profit and then run the cafe.

Parents, friends and family members were invited to the school on Addenbrooke Road to sample the baguettes on offer.

Mrs Kettle-More added: "They are trying to fund an end-of-year prom, they see it as their last opportunity to see their friends before they go to different high schools."

MP calls for electric cars to be noisier

A CAMPAIGN by national charity Guide Dogs to have artificial noise generators so electric and hybrid vehicles can be heard has been backed by Warley MP John Spellar. He was one of a number of MPs who supported the charity at a reception at Parliament.

Research shows that some quiet electric vehicles cannot be heard until one second before impact and, in certain conditions, are more likely to be involved in a collision with a pedestrian than conventional vehicles.

Transport Minister Norman Baker spoke to highlight the charity's concerns about the safety implications of such vehicles.

Mr Spellar said: "This is a welcome and necessary campaign to improve safetye."

James White, Guide Dogs' campaigns manager, said: "Blind and partially sighted people rely on the sound of an engine to cross a road safely. If you can't see or hear a car then how do you know it is there?"

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Lighter fuel sniffer showed signs of illness

THE signs of Ian Woolley's mental illness had been obvious for years.

And yet no one could have guessed the lumbering six-footer was capable of the 'dreadful brutality' that led him to kill both his mother Pauline Gillen and concerned neighbour Jason Duffield.

Woolley, a father of three, was addicted to sniffing lighter fuel, sometimes inhaling up to 10 cans a day. He was also an alcoholic and smoked cannabis.

His sister said he had talked about seeing space ships and killing the Prime Minister.

Psychiatrist Kenny Herbert, on whose report the judge based his sentence sending Woolley to a secure hospital, described the killer as a paranoid schizophrenic who had been ill for at least 10 years.

He said many people might have thought Woolley's substance taking led him to kill but it was more likely that Woolley used lighter fuel and alcohol to block out the hallucinations that tortured him.

Woolley was initially deemed unfit to plead but, with treatment, his condition improved to the point where he recognised what he had done, and had reacted with 'shock and remorse.'

Although declared well enough to enter a plea, Mr Herbert said Woolley has continued to lapse into psychotic thinking and would require long-term treatment.

Psychotic killer stabbed mother and neighbour

A SON stabbed his mother to death with a screwdriver as she lay in bed before killing her next door neighbour and throwing him over a fifth-floor balcony.

Ian Woolley then sat and smoked a cigarette before dialling 999 and telling the operator: "I've just committed murder."

The father-of-three admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

He was sentenced to be detained in a secure hospital indefinitely and cannot be released without the authority of the secretary of state.

The 44-year-old attacked Pauline Gillen, aged 69, and Jason Duffield, aged 41, at Holly Court, in Acacia Avenue, Yew Tree, on the Walsall-Sandwell border where both victims and Woolley lived, in the early hours of October 6 last year.

On the day before the the killings Woolley had met his mother and brother in Walsall.

Shouting

Malcolm Woolley said his brother had been in a 'funny mood' and struck him in the face, said Mr Peter Grieve-Smith, prosecuting.

Mrs Gillen, a 69-year-old mother of three, lived on the same floor in Holly Court, Acacia Avenue, Walsall, as her son , but in a separate flat. Jason Duffield, described as 'quiet and shy' also lived on the fifth floor.

That night on October 6, Mr Duffield, 41, who would normally not have had the confidence to leave his flat, had responded to the sound of a woman shouting, the court heard.

Woolley, who had a key to his mother's flat, had let himself in and gone to her bedroom, where he stabbed here.

Mr Duffield was the second to be attacked. He was stabbed through the skull and chest before being dragged through the apartment and tipped over the balcony.

A neighbour looked through his spyhole when he heard the disturbance and saw Woolley walk calmly back to his flat.

When arrested, Woolley asked police: "Is she dead? Is he dead? Good." He said he used his 'dad's old screwdriver' to kill them.

He added: "Things came to a head. The other man came to the wrong place at the wrong time."

Chris Millington, defending, said Woolley suffered from 'psychotic ideas which had no basis in reality.'

Judge William Davis, QC, the Birmingham Recorder, told Woolley: "With dreadful brutality you killed your mother and, having killed her, a neighbour who had done nothing more but come to assist was killed with equal brutality. These were dreadful and tragic events."

Mr Duffield leaves a son and daughter, and a stepson, with whom he lived.

Although separated from his wife Sarah, she spoke of the family's grief at their loss: "As a family we want to remember Jason for who he was, a caring and wonderful person who would help anyone in need. Because of this he died so tragically and in such a brutal way.

"We wish to remember him as we knew him and be left in private to our memories."

Pauline Gillen's family said in a statement after Friday's hearing: "At this time we as a family would like to remember our mother as the caring and loving person that we all loved dearly.

"She was taken from us prematurely in the most unimaginable way possibly.

"Our thoughts at this time are also with the Duffield family and we offer our condolences."

Victim – mother Pauline Gillen, aged 69

Victim – neighbour Jason Duffield

Killer – mentally ill Ian Woolley

A police forensic tent covers the spot where Jason Duffield's body was found

The flats on Acacia Avenue, Walsall

Pervert's sentence reduced

A PAEDOPHILE from Smethwick who molested four young girls has won a cut to his sentence.

Gordon Alfred Grimes carried out assaults on the youngsters, all aged under 13, and indecent images of children were found by investigating officers.

The 42-year-old from Roseberry Road, Cape Hill, was handed a 12-year extended sentence made up of a four-year jail term and eight years on extended licence, at Wolverhampton Crown Court in February, after admitting four counts of sexual assault.

But his sentence was cut by judges at London's Criminal Appeal Court who said that, while the custodial term was justified, the extended licence period was 'too long' and should be reduced to five years.

Grimes molested girls, the youngest aged just five. Upon his arrest police unearthed a haul of child pornography and he was handed a three-year community order in June last year after admitting five charges of making indecent images of children.

Grimes' lawyers argued his sentence was over the top, saying there was not enough evidence he posed a danger to the public.

Warning on tunnel closures

COMMUTERS who drive into Birmingham are being urged to take advantage of out-of-town car parks and use public transport while Birmingham's A38 tunnels are closed.

Special parking arrangements are in place during the closures which include additional free parking facilities in Perry Barr.

Alternative

The St Chad's and Queensway Tunnels will be shut for essential refurbishment work from July 19 until September 2 and drivers are being asked to use alternative transport into the city.

Centro wants motorists to make use of the bus, rail and Midland Metro network.

For travellers approaching the city along the A34/Walsall corridor, additional parking spaces are available throughout the closures at Birmingham City University's City North campus at Perry Barr.

NEWS in brief

Time capsule will be buried at centre

YOUNG people from four schools will help to bury a time capsule at a new £18m leisure centre in Sandwell.

Pupils will join deputy mayor Councilllor Barbara Price, Sandwell Council's deputy leader Councillor Steve Eling and other guests at the Portway Lifestyle Centre today (Thursday).

The capsule, to be buried at the main entrance to the centre, will be reopened in 25 years in 2038.

It has been filled by young people with items connected with health, wellbeing, sport and leisure for everyone.

Schools involved include The Orchard, Meadows Sports College, Westminister, and St James' C of E primary.

Children's free bicycle training

SANDWELL youngsters are being given the chance to get expert tuition to ride their bikes safely.

Sandwell Council have arranged Bikeability training courses over the summer school holiday. Each two day course is free and open to children aged between 10 and 14.

The courses are: Wednesbury Fire Station, King Street, Monday and Tuesday August 5 and 6, or August 12 and 13; Smethwick Fire Station Stony Lane, July 29 and 30, or August 19 and 20. All courses run from 9.30am to 3pm. Places are limited. Contact sandwell_bikeability@sandwell.gov.uk

Recognition for school success

PUPILS at a West Bromwich school are celebrating after being told they are in the top 20 per cent of schools in the country for improving students' achievements.

George Salter Academy has gained national recognition for GCSE success.

Principal Mick Green said: "It is always pleasing to have the hard work that students and staff do on a daily basis recognised on a national level."

Claim customer used racial insults

POLICE want to speak to a woman alleged to have used racist insults in a Bearwood shop. When the woman started eating food before paying for it at the Co-Op store she was challenged by security. She became abusive before paying and leaving. Contact Sergeant Leighton Shingles on 101.

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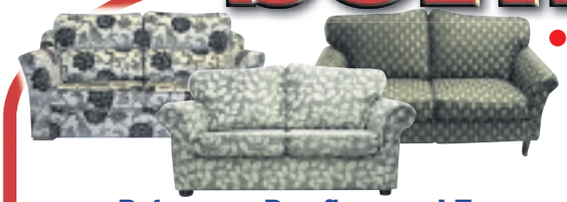

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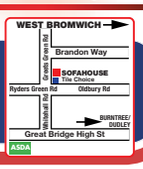

NEWS

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

FORMER Cabinet minister Jack Straw says MPs should be given a £10,000-a-year pay rise in order to attract more candidates from working-class backgrounds.

He's not wrong. Talk to anybody living in one of the less affluent parts of the West Midlands and the message is always the same. People always say: "I'd really love to be an MP, I believe I have something to offer my constituents. But the thing is, I couldn't get by on 66 grand a year."

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THE idea to give MPs a whacking great pay rise came not from the honourable members themselves, but from the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, the body set up at a cost of £6.6 million to restore the public's confidence in MPs.

But given that the proposals from IPSA, already under fire over its own running costs, have so far only managed to stoke up the controversy about MP's salary, here is an alternative idea.

Why not do away with all the expensive independent bodies, and simply link MPs' pay to inflation, just like they do with the state pension?

Of course there will be a debate about which measure of inflation is used, but the answer to that is easy. Just go for the lowest one.

See? I've solved the problem already, and at a fraction of the millions of pounds spent on IPSA. Just send me a cheque in the post for, I dunno, £66,000 a year. That should cover it.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Andy Murray for becoming the first Briton in 77 years to win Wimbledon. But can we now leave it at that?

While the patriot in me is pleased to see somebody from these fair islands win a major sporting event, I didn't like tennis last week, and I'm not going to pretend I like it this week.

I've always taken the view that tennis is a bit of a soft sport, with too many highly strung, temperamental types who throw tantrums the moment the going gets a bit tough. On the other hand, it brings a lot of pleasure to many people, and it is good that they have something to celebrate.

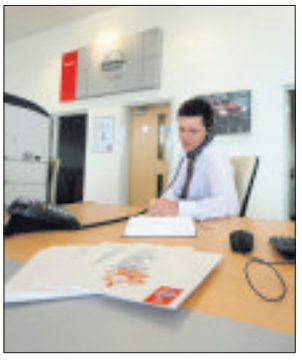
There is something very unsportsmanlike, though, about the way some people just jump on the bandwagon of any particular sport the moment a big international competition comes along, particularly if somebody from this country does well at it.

It was the same with the Olympics last year. Who was interested in cycling before Bradley Wiggins' triumph in the Tour de France? How many people who deck out their houses with red-and-white bunting at World Cup time will bother to turn out to local football grounds

It will be interesting to see how many people caught up in the hysteria of Murray-mania will be paying such close attention to the US Open in a couple of months.

Steve McHugh in hiis Co-Op day job

Gunners McHugh, Plant and Grosvenor dressed and ready for action



Ross Grosvenor at work at Brindley

TA to the soldiers who back up regular Army

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT looks at the unsung volunteer reservists who combine their duties with a full-time job

THEY are the weekend warriors training to back up Britain's military.

They hold down full time jobs and spend their evenings and many of their weekends training all over the country to handle harsh terrain and the pressure of being under fire.

One of the Territorial Army reservists, Abby Plant works in finance for environmental consultancy Adas in Pendeford. The 24-year-old from Codsall spends her weekdays in an office but on Saturdays gets up at 5am, dresses in camouflage gear and carries a heavy rucksack to run up and down hills in Surrey.

This week she takes her exams as part of her accounting technician diploma.

At the weekend Gunner Plant of 106 (Yeomanry) Regiment Royal Artillery may have to carry a backpack weighing 20kg (44lb) six miles within 90 minutes, sleep out in the open in Salisbury or drive Land Rovers the way they were built to be driven – off road.

Physically

Former Codsall High School pupil Gunner Plant, of Bromley Gardens, said: "It's an exciting life. It's exhausting and it can take it out of you, but you always feel that you've accomplished something.

"I wasn't particularly physically fit when I joined but I thought if I don't do this now I'll keep putting it off," she added.

Now she is at the gym two or three times a week and is part of a running club with her fellow soldiers.

She walks the several miles to work each morning and then runs home in the evening.

Over the past decade the Territorial Army has deployed 26,000 reservists including 22,000 to Iraq and Afghanistan. A tour of duty lasts six months but follows three months of full time, intensive training. In that time 30 have been killed.

Abby Plant combines her TA role with a financial job near Wolverhampton

The Army is reducing the number of regular Army soldiers from 102,000 down to 82,000. Some serving soldiers are being put on notice that they are facing redundancy and the government is prepared to spend £1.8 billion to expand the TA to fill the void.

As well as the weekend commitments there is the prospect that one day Abby will find herself overseas alongside regular army soldiers. Her parents Nick, aged 53 and Vicky, 51, understand what the role involves, as does her employer. However, there are legal protections that ensure a job is kept open for any TA soldier who goes on a tour.

When the Army needs Territorial soldiers, it goes through a process called mobilisation. Territorials are only called up if the army needs them.

They or their employers can object if it would seriously affect their lives or work.

Abby joined the TA two and a half years ago on the same day as Ross Grosvenor from Walsall. Gunner Grosvenor, aged 21, works as a service adviser at the Brindley Nissan garage in Delta Way, Cannock.

He lives with his parents Simon, 51 – who also served in the TA with the Staffordshire Regiment – and Lynn, 53, in Pelsall. He has a sister, Zoe, aged 17.

On Tuesdays he finishes his 8am to 6pm shift, polishes off a sandwich or microwaveable ready meal and heads off to The TA site in Fallings Park, Wolverhampton where he is with the Air Defence Unit of 106 Regiment Royal Artillery. "I'd always had an ambition to be a pilot", he said.

"After I left Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall I applied to the Royal Air Force. But when I got to Cranwell they said I lacked life experience by wanting to join straight from school.

"I joined the TA and following 12 months of training passed out in January last year.

"On Tuesdays we will do any sort of training from first aid to vehicle checks and weapon handling skills," he added.

Weekends

"Sometimes we will devote a whole session to fitness assessments, including how many press ups we can do. I'm on the regiment shooting team which goes away on competitions to places like the Salisbury Plains.

"Going away with the TA takes place one or two weekends a month," Gunner Grosvenor said. "We also do a one to two week camp every year. I'm allowed to take the time off from work unpaid."

His colleague Gunner Steve McHugh, aged 23, has been with the TA for five years. He works at the Co-Op petrol station in Wombourne.

His work with the TA saw him spend three months in London during the Olympics, supporting the regular army and seeing the Paralympics opening ceremony. He said: "For me it's a social life as well as work."

● For details on joining the TA visit **army.mod.uk** or call 0845 600 8080.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

COMEDIAN Lenny Henry found it no laughing matter when he turned up to open the wrong summer fete in Dudley. Lenny turned up to open the Burton Road Hospital fete when he should have been six miles away at the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.

ATTENDANCE at Wolverhampton's four public baths spiralled as the region sizzled in 90 degree temperatures. More than 9,000 people used the Bilston, Bushbury, Central and Heath Town baths in the first week of July.

A SCHOOL leaver from Lower Gornal planned to beat the dole crew by creating a high-flying job for himself – washing aeroplanes. David Carter started cleaning planes for the West Midlands Flight Centre at Halfpenny Green airport after leaving Ellows Hall School.

1993.....

A £260,000 project aimed at stopping youngsters from becoming car thieves was launched in Wolverhampton. Project leader Simon Brittain said he hoped the scheme for 12 to 18-year-olds would steer young people in the right direction.

A MOTORIST was hailed a hero after dragging a Wolverhampton pensioner out of his smoke-filled bungalow. But the mystery samaritan, who also pulled a burning chair out of the East Park property, disappeared before anyone could thank him.

SIXTH-form pupils from a girls' school at Brewood appeared before Wolverhampton magistrates – in a mock trial. The teenagers at St Dominic's were involved in the event as part of a scheme to raise social awareness.

2003...

THREE Wolverhampton teachers hoped to scale new heights when they set off on the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge. They aimed to climb Scotland's Ben Nevis, England's Scafell Pike and Wales's Snowden in 24 hours.

FIREFIGHTERS extinguishing a blazing car were left stunned when it took off – without any driver. The crew were left baffled when the car, believed to be stolen, mysteriously started racing down the field and performed a U-turn before shuddering to a halt.

PUPILS and staff at Kings School in Tettenhall had a hair-raising experience to raise money for charity. Brightly-coloured wigs, shaved heads and unique cuts were on show as they raised £500 for Barnardos.

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LETTERS

Keep faith with The Public for arts

THERE has been a great deal of interest generated recently regarding the transfer of The Public arts and community centre in West Bromwich to Sandwell College.

Before that can happen the Council will have to spend several million to convert this entirely unsuitable building into a 6th Form College.

The venue was specifically designed as an arts centre, and despite criticism of it's appearance it has won several design awards.

Much of the initial criticism was based on it's cost but it should be remembered that the majority of the money came from the Arts Council and from European Funds. There is a distinct possibility that the European funding would have to be paid back if the Council change the use of the building. This could run into millions.

The question is, how many public facilities do not require subsidy from local funds?

Essential

For example, how much do the superb facilities of Sandwell Valley cost? Will the new Leisure Centres? Swimming Pools in Tipton and West Bromwich make a profit? These facilities are absolutely essential to the borough, as is The Public, especially for children.

Since it opened more than a million people have used the facilities. Last year saw a 46 per cent increase in visitors.

When the new retail park is up and running those figures will increase considerably, and the areas outside could become a new Town Square.

The Council will meet this month to discuss the proposal and I would urge everyone in Sandwell to contact their councillor in order to retain The Public for all, not just the students of a college.

PHIL PAGE
Burrelton Way
Great Barr
Birmingham

Carers thanked for help

I AM writing to say thank you very much for the wonderful care I received from the staff and doctors in Sandwell General Hospital where I was admitted suffering from a life-threatening illness in May.

I can't speak more highly of the treatment I received during my four-week stay in the Critical Care Unit. Without their attention, I don't think I would be here now writing this.

I would also like to thank the staff on Lyndon 5 for their quick response after I suffered a cardiac arrest due to my illness and the staff and doctors in Priory 5 for their kind and caring help during my recovery.

I would also like to thank the members of public who came to my aid after I collapsed in West Bromwich.

DAVID WOODHOUSE
Oldbury

LETTERS to the Editor

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Dismayed by decision to take Carl off the air

AS one local historian to another, I add my support to Carl Chinn and am dismayed entirely by the decision to take his show off air on BBC Radio WM. Having appeared on Carl's show a few times and benefited from both his enthusiasm and support, I would say to remove such a programme is ridiculous.

Carl is a huge figure in the Midlands and those of us who know him and have had the privilege to work with him appreciate his promotion of our area and his continued championing of Birmingham in publications, broadcasts and books.

What with the poor standard of knowledge of history, local history in particular, which our youngsters seem to possess these days, he was always putting forward our Black Country. I doubt the BBC will change it's mind now but here's hoping a commercial station will recognise Carl's following. Thanks Carl.

MARK DABBS
Darlaston Road
Walsall

Search to find Friar Park family

CAN anyone help? I am trying to trace the descendants of John Cox and Ethel Eliza Challinor who married on December 3, 1927.

They had, I think eight children and lived in the Bassett Road, Dorsett Road area of Friar Park, Wednesbury, until John's death in the 1940s when my aunt remarried and the family relocated further into West Bromwich.

Any information please contact 01902 608191.

N CHALLINOR
Willenhall

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NEWS

Force spend to save with shake-up of cell blocks

THE number of police cell blocks across the Black Country and Birmingham is to halve under cost cutting plans

It will mean the overall number of cell blocks will reduce from the current 12 to seven once two new 60-cell buildings are opened in Oldbury.

West Midlands police and crime commissioner Bob Jones believes the move will save £1.5 million a year.

Despite cuts in funding of £126m by 2015 and a further £100m needed by 2019, the force is planning to spend £114.8m by 2017 on its buildings, vehicles and computer systems.

Decision

The plans are still being developed and a decision will not be taken until the autumn.

However, it is expected that Wolverhampton and Bloxwich will keep their cells with one of them mothballed for use in emergencies, such as a repeat of the 2011 summer riots, or if crime levels rise.

Others in Smethwick, Dudley and Brierley Hill will be looked at with a view to closing them because the new site in Bromford Lane, Oldbury, will be operating 24-hours a day and is to employ more than 130 people. Another new cell block is in the pipeline, with Perry Barr in Birmingham the most likely location.

by Daniel Wainwright

Mr Jones said: "Around 85 per cent of our costs relate to people. So if we don't look at the other 15 per cent then more of the burden of savings falls on people.

"Police stations don't catch criminals, officers do."

He said any closure of custody suites did 'not necessarily' mean the stations attached to them would also shut down, however, they are also under review.

"I would expect to see Wolverhampton with its night time economy continue to handle a significant work load within its cell blocks", said Mr Jones.

He added: "The new Sandwell site will handle the majority of the work for the Black Country."

School sports boost

Dave Heeley opens the sports area with Hina Nadim, 11, right, Lavnesh Saduera, nine, headteacher Andrew Orgill, teacher Stacey Simcox watched by pupils

INSPIRATIONAL marathon man 'Blind Dave' Heeley went back to school to open a new sports facility.

The globetrotting fundraiser was a special guest at Hargate Primary School in West Bromwich to open the multi-use area.

Roughly the size of two tennis courts, it will be used for activities, including tennis, football and basketball.

As well as being used for PE lessons and after-school clubs, the facility will be free for the community to make the most of.

Headteacher Andrew Orgill said: "This is part of a lot that's happening here at Hargate. We want to have the best facility for kids. They are loving it."

The new area was officially opened on Friday by 55-year-old Mr Heeley, who has been a regular visitor to the school.

Mr Orgill said: "Dave's been a couple of times and he was absolutely fantastic."

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NEWS

Hospitals face massive fines over A&E delays

Sandwell General A&E facing a fine of £80,000 for failing to accept patients at the emergency department soon enough

HOSPITALS including Sandwell General and Walsall Manor are facing huge fines for failing to accept patients at emergency departments soon enough.

Rules introduced in April mean hospital trusts can be fined £200 every time they take between 30 and 60 minutes for a patient to be handed over to A&E after their arrival by ambulance.

The fines, levied by local clinical commissioning groups, reach £1,000 if the wait is more than 60 minutes, as was the case with 91 ambulances in the Black Country and Stafford in April.

Hospitals in the region, including Sandwell in West Bromwich, Walsall Manor, Stafford, Russells Hall,New Cross, Worcestershire Royal, Birmingham Children's and Queen Elizabeth, are responsible for £429,000 of fines.

Breaches

Sandwell Hospital could be fined £80,000 for 272 breaches, 32 of which saw patients waiting for more than one hour to be handed over.

Vanya Rogers, spokesman for Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "We have been working extremely hard to improve handover times and with an eye to the coming winter we have implemented a trust-wide strategy."

Walsall Manor and New Cross are looking at fines of £22,800 each.

Birmingham Children's Hospital faces a £4,000 fine, while the QE in Edgbaston could be fined £97,000. The worst performer in the West Midlands was Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, which faces a £219,200 fine. Russells Hall, Dudley, could be fined £128,800

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NEWS

Callum's school gets life-saving machine

Callum Bryan is pictured with teaching assistant Judy Dean who has been trained to use Greenholm Primary's defibrillator

A GREAT Barr school has been given a life-saving piece of equipment after a pupil suffered a heart attack.

Callum Bryan, seven, collapsed outside his school, Greenholm Primary, on May 15 during a thunder storm. He survived thanks to the efforts of his mother, his sister Nicole, and paramedics – despite his heart stopping for more than half an hour.

Now the school has received an automated external defibrillator from West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Following the incident, Callum's mother Jayne Bryan said it was a miracle that he survived.

She described how she found her son slumped in the back seat of her car after picking him up. She said his face had turned blue.

Miracle

"It's a miracle," the 41-year-old said. "I was convinced I was going to lose him. I went round to the back seat and found him lying face down. I thought he was messing around but was horrified when I found he had turned blue."

She was later told his heart had stopped beating for 33 minutes. Callum spent 17 days in Birmingham Children's Hospital. It is still unclear what caused his heart attack.

Ms Bryan, said it was comforting to know there would be a defibrillator at the school. She added: "We would like to thank West Midlands Ambulance Service for this amazing gift. We hope it will never be needed because to see any child suffer like Callum did would be devastating.

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NEWS

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The controversial digital sign located beside the M6 can stay for at least five more years

A GIANT advertisement hoarding beside a busy stretch of the M6 has been given the go-ahead to remain for another five years.

The sign, which was converted to digital in the spring, is in the grounds of Banks's Stadium in Walsall.

More than 90 accidents have been reported along the stretch of the motorway approaching the hoarding in four years. Three serious or fatal smashes happened on the adjacent section of the M6 between 2008 and 2012. There were another 91 classified as slight.

The Highways Agency had said: "We understand that high levels of LED illumination can impair the visibility of motorists."

Distracting

Five residents living nearby had objected because of the sign's size, brightness and potential for distracting drivers.

Despite this, the application was approved by Walsall Council's planning committee at a meeting last week.

Council leader Councillor Mike Bird said: "My view is there is no danger to highway safety because people aren't driving 70 or 80mph. They get to 40 or 50mph along that stretch if they're lucky.

"Since the sign was erected there has not been one accident attributed to the sign."

A 50mph speed limit is currently in place along that section of motorway, between junctions nine and eight, as work takes place to introduce hard shoulder running.

The digital adverts replaced the existing boards on the sign erected five years ago as part of a £2 million investment.

There are a series of other illuminated posters and light boxes in the area.

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The owners had been pushing for every 15 seconds.

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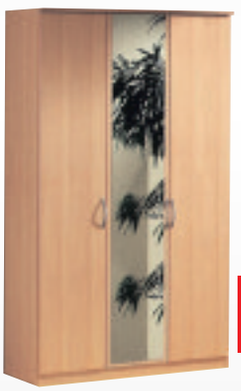

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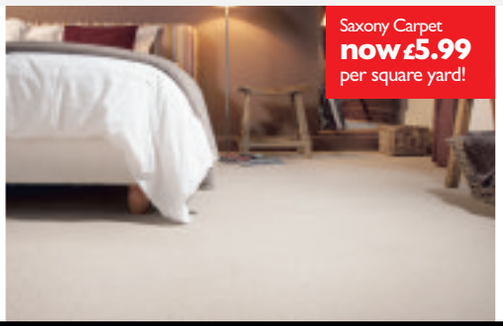

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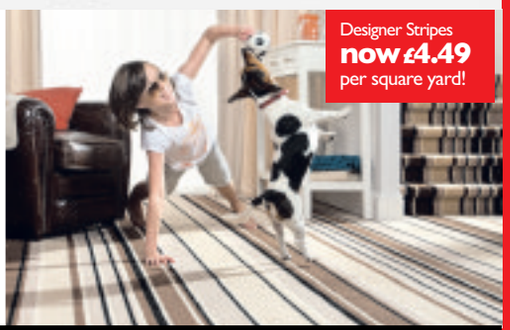

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Starter home flats proposed at former Royal Oak pub site

PLANS to transform a former Great Bridge pub into apartments are being considered.

The former Royal Oak pub, on Whitehall Road, was due to be turned into a church and community centre following its closure in July 2011.

A new scheme has since been drawn up which will see the site developed into 12 flats.

by Charlotte Lilley

A planning application has been lodged with Sandwell Council and will be decided on in September.

Bearwood-based architect Bob Sharples has put together a design report on behalf of the applicant. He said construction work on the scheme could begin in October.

Rental

He said: "What's unusual about this scheme is that it's purely for the rental market and aimed, not at students, but those who have perhaps just finished college, or are in their first job. We've got big support from the planners for the principle of that.

"Given as it is on a major bus route, it's sustainable and people can get from one place to another easily."

The pub and two neighbouring residential properties will be turned into one property with 12 self-contained apartments, two with one bedroom and 10 with two bedrooms.

West Bromwich-based Fountain Spring Life Changing Ministry applied to change the pub's use to a place of worship for community and educational use at the beginning of last year.

It is unknown why this change of use did not take place but a new owner has since taken over and instructed Mr Sharples to put together the new plan.

A spokesman for Sandwell Council said no objections have been lodged against the development so far.

Runner will hit the city streets to help charity

A RUNNER from Tipton is appealing for support as she takes part in the Bupa Great Birmingham Run.

Neelam Duggal from Tipton is in training for the 2013 Bupa Great Birmingham Run on October 20, formerly known as the Birmingham half marathon, and is urging other runners to join her in supporting the NSPCC.

The 32-year-old insurance broker said: "The work the NSPCC does to protect vulnerable children has motivated me to sign up to the Great Birmingham Run for the first time.

"I want to play a part in helping to end child cruelty and am looking forward to crossing the finish line, knowing that all my training and fundraising have been worthwhile."

Any runners who would like to apply for one of the NSPCC's guaranteed places, should call the events team on 0844 892 1119.

Coffee in aid of the canal

FOLK in Tipton are invited to a cake and coffee morning on Tuesday.

The Friends of Tippun Cut will host the event at Tipton Library on from 10.30am until noon.

For more information call the library on 0121 557 1796.

Bid to protect lagoon birds

A MAJOR operation to install a special membrane at a contaminated Black Country pool blamed for the deaths of dozens of birds is gathering pace. The geotextile sheet is being laid on the bottom of Rattlechain Lagoon, Tividale, to protect the lake from white phosphorus, which the birds are believed to be ingesting.

Dog days of summer – Harvey Ashman, 8, and Katie Harris, 7, are pictured with pet pooch Bella at the dog show held at Coneygre Arts Centre in Tipton at the weekend

Hot dog! Show is a success

DOGS and their owners had their skills put to the test during a fun-filled charity show in Tipton.

The event at the Coneygre Arts Centre, on Sedgley Road East, saw dozens of dogs compete in 12 different categories in aid of the Penn Animal Welfare Society incorporating Wild Acre Rescue.

The event was organised by Dudley Vets4Pets and there were prizes for the best dressed dog, best rescue dog and the dog which looked most like its owner.

Organiser and vet Kelly Heritage said: "It was a really fantastic event.

"We had so many people here, a lot taking part but others who had just come to see the show.

"We have raised £400 so far, but there is still money coming in."

In addition to the dog show, visitors were also entertained by a German Shepherd display.

Community station is to start up on the internet

A NEW community radio station will begin broadcasting in the Black Country, catering for Tipton and Great Bridge.

Black Country Community Radio will be launched on August 1 from studios in Dudley. While the radio station will initially be broadcast online, station boss David Brownhill hopes to apply for a full licence from media regulator Ofcom later this year.

Mr Brownhill, aged 55, said Ofcom had restricted the number of organisations applying for FM frequencies, due to a shortage in the area. This is the first opportunity to apply in eight years.

Humour

He said: "The Black Country is a great community to live with some great characters and we hope to be broadcasting their stories and humour."

There are currently over 200 licenced community radio stations in the country.

Radio bosses are hoping that their application for a FM radio station to promote the Black Country will be successful.

If the application is approved there are plans to move the studio to Dudley town centre. It will cater for Tipton, Great Bridge and Tividale, Springvale and Bilston East, Sedgley, Coseley, Gornal, Netherton, Brockmoor, Pensnett and Kingswinford.

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NEWS

Golf club pro arrested over indecent images

A GOLF club professional has been arrested on suspicion of downloading indecent images of children.

Guy Dean has worked across Staffordshire and the Black Country including at clubs in Penn, Rowley Regis, West Bromwich, Pelsall and Cannock over his career. He was arrested in April.

Penn Golf Club accepted his resignation with immediate effect after the arrest.

Mr Dean, aged 43, has not yet been charged and has been bailed to a date in September. He said he had been helping police with enquiries.

"There's nothing I can say yet really as the investigation is ongoing," he said. "I've helped with police inquiries. I have told them everything I know."

Mr Dean had continued to offer tuition at Fishley Park, Pelsall, after his resignation at Penn.

Roy Johnson, a director of Fishley Park, said: "He wasn't an employee.

Golf club professional Guy Dean

He came and did lessons with us and that's it.

"Fishley Park is a family business but I wasn't aware of this arrest until now. In the light of these events we have now parted company."

According to Fishley Park's website, Mr Dean had been teaching there since 1991. He started his professional career at Beaudesert Golf Club in Rugeley Road, Cannock, in 1986. In 1996 he joined ranks with European Seniors Tour player Jim Rhodes at South Staffordshire Golf Club.

He was also head professional at Dartmouth Golf Club, West Bromwich, before he spent five years as head professional at Dudley Golf Club, Rowley Regis, in 2000.

Bailed

In 2005 Mr Dean became head professional at Penn Golf Club in Wolverhampton, which he left with immediate effect in April after tendering his resignation.

Staffordshire Police spokesman Faye Casey said: "A 43-year-old man from Bloxwich was arrested in April on suspicion of possession of, and making, indecent images of children.

He has been bailed, pending further inquiries, to a date in September."

Penn Golf Club declined to comment, citing legal reasons.

Shopkeepers count cost of blaze

BUSINESSES near the site of the Smethwick recycling plant hit by a huge fire last week say they have taken a major financial hit – with takings down by up to 70 per cent.

The inferno at the Jayplas site caused an estimated £6 million worth of damage.

Small businesses located near the Dartmouth Road plant are now also counting the cost of the fire.

They said the closure of roads, schools and factories in the area resulted in the loss of passing traden.

Peter Larkman, who has run Pete's Stores in Brasshouse Lane with his wife Rebecca for 48 years, said they had lost a lot of money.

Mr Larkman, 76, said: "You have to be philosophical about it, because there was nothing we could do. Business is already bad at the moment as it is, so to lose two days of trade like this is really hard to take.

"There was just no passing trade and no school children coming.

Bills

"All the residents were told to stay indoors. But we still have the bills to pay."

Mohammad Mushtaq, owner of Brasshouse Lane Convenience Store, said his takings were down by 70 per cent on the Monday and nearly 50 per cent the day after

The 42-year-old said: "We would have lost around £400 to £500 because of the fire. There were just no customers at all.

"There was no one on the roads, schools were shut and no passing trade.

" We get a lot of customers from nearby factories, and they weren't coming in. It was terrible."

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Floral creations are a hit for Miss England

Florist Shirley Partridge with artificial bouquets from her business Olivia Weddings supplied to the Miss England contest

THE Miss England competition is known for its beauties, its swimwear competition and hat all important glittering crown.

But this year Sandwell businesswoman Shirley Partridge was able to add a touch of floral magic to the glamorous occasion when she created the artificial bouquets for the winners.

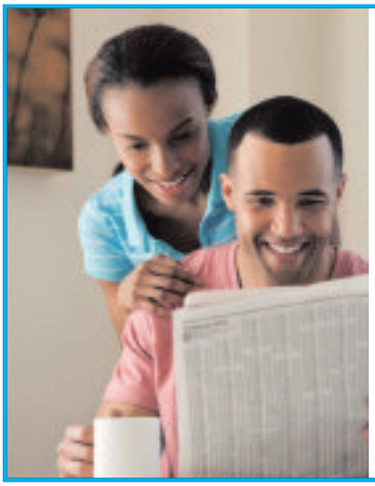
It is thought to be the first time that the competition bosses opted to use fake flowers in the show.

Miss Partridge only set up her online business Olivia Weddings in Cradley Heath a year ago and specialises in creating silk flower bouquets, jewelled brooch bouquets and bespoke tiaras.

She was asked to submit a design for the bouquet for the Miss England winner, and the two runners up.

Miss Partridge, 50, who runs her business from her New Pool Road home said: "They wanted something different to what they had before, and thought my bouquets could be it. You can do so much with a silk bouquet, and it was also something the girls could keep after the event."

The bouquet had to be based on the flag of St George. She used silk red and white roses, along with silver vintage broaches, Swarovski crystals and diamantes in her design.



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Three women show art talent in church display

Artists Marilyn Kowalski, Fiona Davies and Jean Porter, with some of their work now on display at The Crossing

A NEW exhibition showcasing the artwork of three women has launched in Walsall.

The display at The Crossing at St Paul's Church shows off 20 paintings by artists Fiona Davies from Sandwell and Jean Porter and Marilyn Kowalski, both living in Parkhall.

A variety of oil paintings make up the exhibition, which was set up at the Darwall Street church last week, depicting mostly landscapes and seascapes

The women all take part in weekly art classes run by the Parkhall Community Association, which has links to the church through the Walsall Art Society.

Experience

The weekly sessions, which see members using oils, acrylics and watercolours, are hosted by local artist Graham Benton, who has had exhibitions at Walsall's New Art Gallery.

This is the first time the women have had their work displayed in an exhibition.

Marilyn Kowalski, from the Cottage Farm estate in Parkhall, said having her artwork featured in an exhibition was 'a lovely experience'.

"It's the first time any of us have had our work in an exhibition," said grandmother-of-three Mrs Kowalski.

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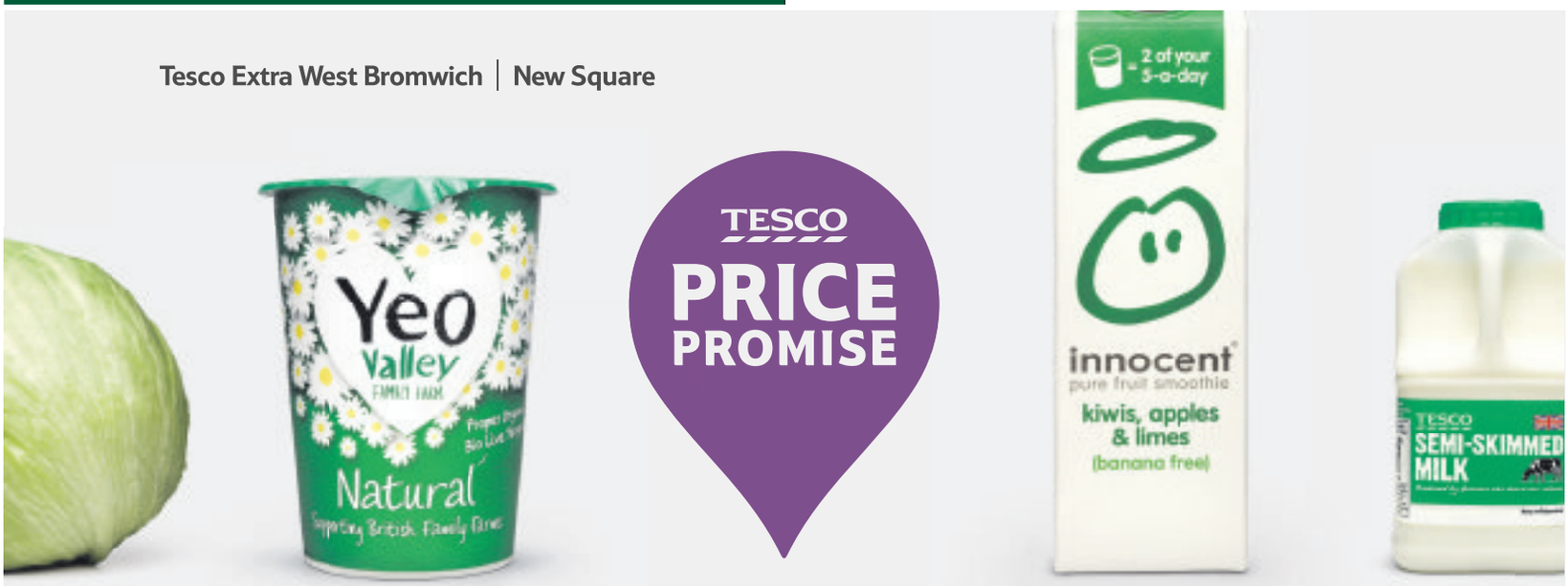

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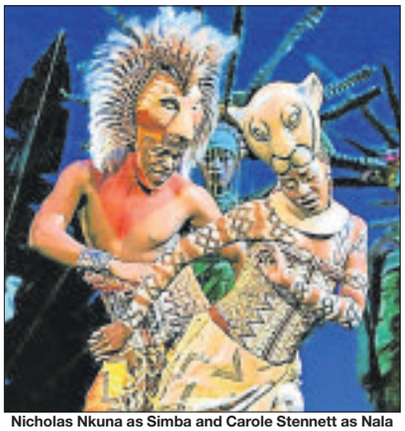
REVIEW

No worries – Lion King is the 'mane' attraction



Nicholas Nkuna as Simba and Carole Stennett as Nala

South African singer Gugwana Dlamini stars as Rafiki

Disney presents The Lion King, Birmingham Hippodrome

THE popular Disney animated movie turned blockbuster musical has roared into the Midlands and it is a spectacular production that will live long in the memory.

That's just how it should be, when audiences are paying West End prices they expect and deserve London theatreland production values. Disney deliver those in this colourful, creative touring version of the West End and Broadway hit.

The costumes and puppets are breathtaking, right from the moment elephants and a rhino stroll down the Hippodrome aisles to join leaping antelopes and lofty giraffes striding across the stage as the international cast sing Elton John's Circle of Life.

It is a jaw-dropping set piece, matched at the start of the second act when the actors turn the auditorium into an aviary for swooping buzzards and birds of paradise.

The scenery and costumes are ingenious as actors become grassland savannahs with the help of surreal hats or herd of gazelles via a double bicycle contraption.

Dynamic

At the heart of the show is a simple story of a boy becoming a man, or rather cub becoming a lion, as Simba learns to face up to his responsibilities and make his murdered father proud by saving the family pride of lions.

Several youngsters share the roles of young lion and lioness Simba and Nala. At this performance dynamic little Joshua Cameron and delightful Donica Elliston were excellent.

Nicholas Nkuna had a noble bearing and good voice as Simba, almost eclipsed by Carole Stennett as the feisty strong-voiced Nala. Stephen Carlile verged on panto villain as Simba's evil uncle Scar but the incredible Gugwana Dlamini, the best singer by far, was the audience's favourite as the bizarre baboon Rafiki.

Of course, the children's favourites are wisecracking duo Timon and the flatulent Pumbaa, excellent characterisations by John Hasler and Mark Roper respectively in elaborate costume puppet combinations.

This production is not without flaws, sometimes Tim Rice's witty lyrics are lost in the mix. But the catchiest song Hakuna Matata – Swahili for 'no worries'– was so infectious that many left the theatre singing it after the audience gave the show a standing ovation. You can feel the love for this show. It continues at the Hippodrome until September 28.

Leon Burakowski

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FREE SWIMMING IN SANDWELL YOUNG AND OLD CAN SIGN UP NOW

Young and old in Sandwell can now register for free swimming this summer.

Council chiefs are bringing back free sessions and from Wednesday 24 July young people aged 16 and under in Sandwell can swim for free during school holidays.

Older people living in Sandwell aged 60-plus - can also swim for free up to 1pm daily.

Cllr Paul Moore, Cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: I am delighted we have been able to re-launch free swimming after the current government's cuts brought an end to free sessions in Sandwell.

We have some fantastic swimming facilities in Sandwell to enjoy, such as our new £8 million Tipton Leisure Centre.

Residents can register online for the free sessions with Sandwell Leisure Trust.

Alternatively, staff will help anyone directly at our swimming centres in Smethwick, Langley in Oldbury, Tipton or Haden Hill in Cradley Heath.

He added, We are committed to helping people stay active and we hope this latest council initiative will enable more younger and older people to enjoy swimming.

Over 350 Sandwell residents have already pre-registered online for free swimming on the first day. Further details and registration are available at www.slt-leisure.co.uk

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Free jazz festival gig at The Public

JAZZ singer Roy Forbes will be performing with a quartet in a free gig at The Public in West Bromwich as part of Birmingham International Blues and Jazz Festival.

The gig featuring the Brian Dee Quartet takes place on Saturday from 8pm. Mr Forbes began his jazz career with the late Birmingham jazz legend Andy Hamilton. Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "The festival coincides with the launch of the New Square Development, so over the course of the weekend West Bromwich will be buzzing with activity."

Family fun in parks

MUSICAL and children's activities will be held in Walsall parks this summer.

Events are being held in Reedswood Park, Birchills, on July 29, and Holland Park, Brownhills, on July 31. In August there will be events in Darlaston, Pleck, Pheasey, Palfrey and Willenhall. Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said: "We have hundreds of people turn out for our park fun days, they're really popular."

See www.whatsonwalsall.co.uk or call 01922 654893 for information.

It's a thriller night

MEMBERS of Aldridge Youth Theatre join forces with the adults for a production of Emlyn Williams thriller Night Must Fall, directed by Lee Tregellis. It's at the Noddy Park Road theatre from tonight (Thursday) to Saturday. Tickets cost £7 (concessions £6) available by calling 01922 458615.

Blue all rise to occasion with a headline set at Judgestock

Life is a Grand cabaret for Will

POP star Will Young is heading to Wolverhampton to take a lead role in the touring version of the recent West End hit production of Cabaret.

The raunchy, hard-hitting musical set in 1930s Germany, contrasting hedonistic lifestyles with the rise of the Nazis, will be performed at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from November 26 to 30.

Will Young was nominated for a prestigious Olivier award for his portrayal of the comic yet sinister character Emcee. The 34-year-old rose to fame after winning the first Pop Idol contest in 2002, and still holds the record for the fastest selling debut single in British chart history with Evergreen.

As well as scoring four number one singles, he has pursued an acting career, appearing with Dame Judi Dench in the film Mrs Henderson Presents.

The new version of Cabaret, the story of Berlin nightclub singer Sally Bowles, features such popular songs as Money Makes The World Go Round, Maybe This Time and title song Cabaret. Tickets cost between £21.50 and £39.50, available on 01902 429212 or at www.grandtheatre.co.uk

Meanwhile, the 1960s heyday of crooners Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr is subject of tribute show Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular at the Grand on Sunday evening.

Will Young stars in musical Cabaret coming to Wolverhampton Grand

CHART-TOPPERS Blue will be playing at the three-day festival Judgestock in the heart of the Black Country at Sandwell Valley over August Bank Holiday weekend

Organisers have promised that next month's event will be bigger and better than ever with three stages featuring acts including a headline set from recently reunited boy band Blue, who had hits with All Rise, Too Close and If You Come Back.

Also on the bill is rocker Mitchel Emms, who recently featured on BBC TV show The Voice, along with various tribute acts, local bands and young people from Coneygre Arts in Tipton.

Support

The festival organised by Lee Judge has raised thousands for Macmillan Cancer Support over the years in memory of Simon Turton, a friend who lost his battle with cancer in 2011.

The 38-year-old who lives in West Bromwich said: "The festival is going to be huge. Previously, Judgestock has been a one-day event but this year we really wanted to put on a weekend festival to rival some of the bigger events."

Lee has raised close to £125,000 for various causes over the past 17 years. He added: "Last year we donated around £2,000 to Macmillan and we're looking to better that this year."

Festival organiser Lee Judge

The event, August 24-26, also support the Mayor of Sandwell's charities, Birmingham Midland Eye Centre and Better Understanding of Dementia in Sandwell.

Tickets cost £12 per day for adults or £30 for all three days. Children's tickets cost £6 or £15 three days (all plus booking fees), with under-5s free when accompanied by paying adult. For information see www.judgestockmusicfestival.co.uk.

Rock legend has Civic concert date

LED Zeppelin rock legend Robert Plant will make a triumphant return home to Wolverhampton Civic Hall for a concert on September 2

Plant will perform with his latest band – Sensational Space Shifters – as one of just two UK dates.

The West Bromwich-born singer last played at the Civic in 2005 when he did two shows.

The legendary Led Zep frontman is currently touring in America and his only other date in the UK is at Bristol Colston Hall.

Civic tickets cost £40 standing or £45 balcony.

They mean it Man

THE Brotherhood of Man, who won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1976, will be appearing in Pelsall tomorrow night (Friday).

The group proved such a hit on their last visit to Pelsall Community Centre, in December, that they are making a rapid return to perform their show The 70s Story at the Station Street venue.

The show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16 and are available directly from the community centre.

Never sing alone

THE Birmingham and Midland Operatic Society stage classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Carousel, most famous for the song You'll Never Walk Alone, at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre this week, with the last performance on Saturday night. Tickets cost £11 to £26.

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Russell Watson

The Queen's Coronation Festival Gala
BBC1, 7pm
Last summer, we helped Her Maj mark the 60th anniversary of her ascending to the throne, and now, 12 months on, we're doing it all again, this time as she celebrates 60 years since her coronation. A three-day Coronation Festival at Buckingham Palace climaxes with a spectacular evening gala. The Fanfare Trumpeters from the Household Division open the show, which also features performances from Kiri Te Kanawa, Katherine Jenkins, Russell Watson, Katie Melua, The Feeling and the English National Ballet.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Athletics: British Championships. **4.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.10** Room 101 – Extra Storage. (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R)
6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 The Queen's Coronation Festival Gala. Sophie Raworth and Gareth Malone present highlights of the concert from Buckingham Palace, featuring Kiri Te Kanawa, Katherine Jenkins, Russell Watson and Katie Melua.
8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts as five contestants compete to be in the right place at the right time to win a share of the loot. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by OJ Borg.
9.10 Casualty. Tom is on a personal visit to a prison when a disturbance breaks out and the trouble spreads. Zoe deals with a young girl who will go to great lengths to connect with her mother.
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes worries her family is too secretive. (R)
10.30 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.50 Film: Enemy of the State. (1998) An encounter with an old friend derails a lawyer's life as he ends up framed for murder and pursued by government agents. Thriller, starring Will Smith.
12.50 Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.05 Film:** The Half Naked Truth. (1932) **7.20 Film:** Best of the Badmen. (1951) **8.40** The Sky at Night. (R) **9.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **10.00** Life in the Freezer. (R) **10.30** Triathlon. **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** Golf: The Story of the Open Championship 2012. **1.40** EastEnders. (R) **3.30** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.
6.10 Flog It! Anita Manning and Adam Partridge value items at Sunderland's Stadium of Light, and Paul Martin visits Beamish, the Living Museum of the North in Co Durham. (R)
7.10 Dad's Army. The platoon re-enacts the battle between St George and the dragon. (R)
7.40 Giant Squid: Filming the Impossible – Natural World Special. Documentary following a team of scientists using underwater robots and state-of-the-art submersibles to try to find and film a living giant squid for the first time.
8.25 QI XL. With Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey and Susan Calman. (R)
9.10 Top of the Lake. New series. A 12-year-old is found to be pregnant and child-protection specialist Robin Griffin is called in to assist local police.
10.10 Alive: Rankin Faces Death – A Culture Show Special.
11.10 Film: Rabbit Hole. (2010) Premiere. A couple try to keep their marriage from falling apart as they take different approaches to coping with their son's death. Drama, with Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart.
12.35 Golf: Scottish Open Highlights. **1.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Gravity Falls. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.25** The Chase. (R) **2.25 Film:** Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure. (1989) **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R)
6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! Comical clips, featuring an exploding beanbag. (R)
7.00 You've Been Framed! Humorous footage, including a Reliant Robin that flips 360 degrees. (R)
7.30 Your Face Sounds Familiar. Guest judge Peter Andre joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.
8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Hollyoaks star Danny Mac (Mark "Dodger" Savage) and Claire Richards from Steps team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts the game show.
9.45 The Americans.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.50 Film: Hot Fuzz. (2007) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg.
12.55 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Caterham UK Racing. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss Canada. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.20 Come Dine with Me. Hairdresser Kim Connor hosts the final party in Huddersfield, hoping her American diner-themed menu will delight her guests. (R)
6.50 Channel 4 News.
7.15 Ramadan Diaries.
7.20 Grand Designs. The conversion of a lifeboat station into a contemporary home. (R)
8.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.
10.00 Film: Repo Men. (2010) Premiere. A man employed to repossess artificial organs questions his career when he needs a mechanical heart he cannot pay for. Sci-fi thriller, with Jude Law and Forest Whitaker.
12.15 Film: The Cave. (2005) Horror, starring Morris Chestnut and Lena Headey. **2.00** Verry Terry. (R) **2.25** Mesh: Tourist Trap. (R) **2.30** Mesh: The Wrong Turn. (R) **2.35** Southland. (R) **3.25** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** ThunderCats. (R) **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **12.30** Cowboy Traders. (R) **1.30** CSI: NY. (R) **2.25** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15 Film:** Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise. (2006) **5.00** Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead.
7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the First Test at Trent Bridge, where the second innings was likely to be taking shape ahead of the final day.
8.00 NCIS. The team tries to locate a kidnapped girl but has to contend with her grandfather, a former member of a disbanded special forces unit who interferes in the case. (R)
9.00 NCIS. The team investigates what at first appears to be a straightforward robbery, until Tony discovers a homeowner lied to police after shooting the intruder. (R)
9.50 5 News Weekend.
10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.
11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour.
12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 UEFA Women's Euro 2013. Finland v Sweden (Kick-off 7.30pm). **9.30** The Script and Dizzee Rascal @ T **10.00** Rihanna and Calvin Harris @ T

BBC Four
7.00 Heritage! The Battle for Britain's Past **8.00** Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole: An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered **9.00** Wallander: The Man Who Smiled **11.10** Bobby Bland: Two Steps from the Blues

ITV2
4.55 Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) **7.30 Film:** The Mummy (1999) **10.00 Film:** I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007)

ITV3
2.45 Film: The Four Musketeers (1974) **4.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Cold Blood II

ITV4
2.00 Tour de France 2013 Live. Coverage of stage 14 of the world's most famous cycle race. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **6.00** The Motorbike Show **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Black Gold **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00 Film:** Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (1998)

E4
5.25 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Happy Endings **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00 Film:** Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) **11.05** The Inbetweeners

Film4
3.05 Congo (1995) **5.10** The Iron Giant (1999) **6.50** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **9.00** Source Code (2011) **10.50** Aliens (1986)

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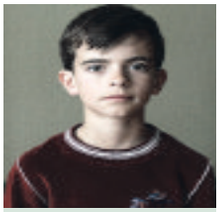

Swann Nambotin

The Returned
Channel 4, 9pm
What is going on in the small French town? We've seen five episodes so far, and we're none the wiser. Instead, we're intrigued, gripped and, if truth be known, a little bit frustrated; it's time we learned a little bit more about what's going on, if only for our peace of mind. Pierre should certainly not be trusted – after all, he was present when little Victor and his family were slaughtered by burglars. Nevertheless, he remains a trusted member of the community, especially after he calls a meeting of the families affected by the school-bus accident.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.30** Rhys Jones's Wildlife Patrol. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Earthflight. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team values more decorative objects and rarities at Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, including a painting thought to be by Constable and a set of designs for exotic jewellery.

8.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Adam Henson visit the Shetlands, where highlights include Viking chess, a dancing pony and a search for one of the UK's rarest birds – the red-necked phalarope.

9.00 The White Queen. Warwick orders Isabel back to England to retain her husband George's loyalty to King Henry VI, while Margaret Beaufort is furious to discover Elizabeth has had a son.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Luther. The detective's date is interrupted by news of another murder. (R)

11.25 Live at the Apollo. With Kevin Bridges, Shappi Khorsandi and Jack Whitehall. (R)

11.55 Film: Two for the Money. (2005) Gambling drama, with Al Pacino.

1.50 Weatherview. **1.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.00 Film:** Every Day's a Holiday. (1965) **8.30** Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Athletics: British Championships. **4.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.

6.30 A Race Against Time: Hilary Lister's Round Britain Dream.

7.30 Wild Cameramen at Work. New series. Five wildlife cameramen reflect on their favourite natural history moments.

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May head to Spain to help its struggling economy and create a street circuit. Benedict Cumberbatch drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Hunt vs Lauda: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals. The battle for the 1976 world drivers' championship.

10.00 Blackadder the Third. The new prime minister plots to bankrupt the Prince Regent. (R)

10.35 Mock the Week. With Josh Widdicombe, Ed Byrne and Hal Cruttenden. (R)

11.05 What a Load of Buzzcocks. Music news stories and highlights of the comedy quiz from 2007. (R)

11.35 Golf: Scottish Open Highlights. Action from the fourth round of this year's tournament.

12.35 Film: Everything. (2004) **2.05** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.00** Holby City. (R) **4.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.25 Film:** Columbo: An Exercise in Fatality. (1974) **1.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.25 Film:** Always. (1989) **4.35** A Touch of Frost. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Jane McDonald, Rosemary Shrager and Louie Spence take part in the quiz show in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Ben Shephard presents.

8.00 All Star Mr & Mrs. With Una Healy of the Saturdays and England rugby union player Ben Foden, TV presenter Yvette Fielding and her husband Karl Beattie, and comedian Eddie Large with his wife Patsy.

9.00 Law & Order: UK. New series. Part one of two. A suicidal man causes a train crash and 15 deaths.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 The Talent Show Story. How The X Factor became one of TV's biggest shows. (R)

11.15 Murder, She Wrote. (R)

12.10 The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.50** Monk. (R) **4.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** FIA GT Series. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **7.55** Rat Race Dirty Weekend. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00 Film:** Fame. (2009) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. **5.05 Film:** Marley and Me. (2008) Comedy drama, starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston.

7.20 Channel 4 News.

7.50 Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan.

7.55 Boudica's Lost Tribe: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson traces the story of the female warrior, following an excavation in Norfolk that may hold clues to what happened to her tribe, the Iceni, after their defeat. (R)

9.00 The Returned. The town is affected by a power cut, with Pierre forming a community around Camille and Julie finding refuge at Laure's house with Victor, whose body is undergoing a transformation.

10.10 Film: Attack the Block. (2011) A student nurse and a teenage gang band together to fight off alien invaders terrorising a south London tower block. Sci-fi comedy thriller, with Jodie Whittaker.

11.55 Film: Rec 2. (2009) Horror sequel, with Jonathan Mellor, Oscar Sanchez Zafra and Manuela Velasco.

1.25 Film: KM 31. (2006) Horror, starring Iliana Fox. **3.10** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.05** Countdown. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.15** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.50** Inside Hollywood. (R) **10.55** Big Brother. (R) **11.50** BB BOTS: Rylan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **12.55 Film:** Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. (1968) **3.45 Film:** An American Tail. (1986) **5.15 Film:** Charlie's Angels. (2000) Action adventure, starring Drew Barrymore.

7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Emma, Mr Gold and Henry find Baelfire in Manhattan.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 Film: Bangkok Dangerous. (2008) Action thriller remake, with Nicolas Cage.

12.05 Film: Today You Die. (2005) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **1.45** SuperCasino. **3.55** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 UEFA Women's Euro 2013 **9.30** The Killers @ T. Tonight's headline performance by the Las Vegas-based rockers. **11.00** David Guetta and Labrinth @ T

BBC Four
7.00 Frost on Interviews **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** London: A Tale of Two Cities with Dan Cruickshank **10.00** Grand Prix: The Killer Years **11.00** When Albums Ruled the World

ITV2
2.10 Film: Happy Feet (2006) **4.10 Film:** Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **6.45 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00 Film:** Knocked Up (2007) **11.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3
4.05 Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **5.55** Wycliffe **7.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00 Film:** The Portrait of a Lady (1996) **11.55** Blue Murder

ITV4
1.30 Tour de France 2013 Live. Stage 15 from Givors to Mont Ventoux. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** World's Wildest Police Videos **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Minder **9.00 Film:** Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **11.00 Film:** The Killer Inside Me (2010)

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4.30 90210 **5.25** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00 Film:** Just My Luck (2006) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** Skins: Fire – Part Two

Film4
2.55 Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **4.35** Oliver Twist (2005) **7.10** Post Grad (2009) **9.00** Season of the Witch (2011) **10.50** Harsh Times (2005)

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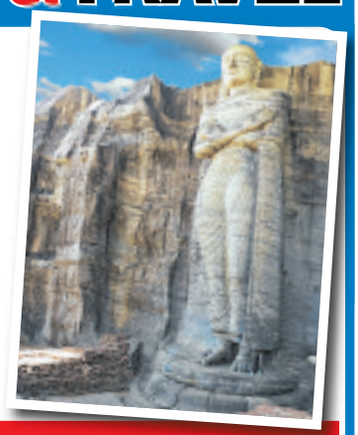

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Wild Hearts, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A widowed Los Angeles police detective inherits a mustang ranch in Montana. He takes over the running of the place, as well as becoming the local sheriff. Meanwhile, as he and his rebellious daughter struggle with the change in lifestyle, he also has to come to terms with his own troubled past. Drama, starring Richard Thomas and Nancy McKeon. (2006)

TUESDAY
Mystery Woman: Game Time, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Amateur sleuth Samantha Kinsey manages to persuade a reclusive author to attend a book-signing event - but ends up having to solve his murder. A shady video-games designer seen near the body seems the likely culprit, but she is convinced he is innocent. Drama, starring Kellie Martin. (2005)

Dirty Pretty Things, BBC1, 11.35pm
A Nigerian illegal immigrant living in London takes a job at a hotel frequented by drug dealers. When he discovers evidence of a murder, he dares not go to the police about it, and instead embarks on a danger-filled investigation of his own. Stephen Frears' drama, starring Audrey Tautou and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (2002)

Gladiator, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

WEDNESDAY
Planet of the Apes, Channel 4, 1.05pm
A spaceship crash-lands on a mysterious planet where humans are mute creatures who find themselves at the mercy of intelligent apes. The world's simian rulers are horrified when one of the crew reveals he can speak and plan to have him killed, but two chimpanzee scientists intervene, determined to learn from the new arrival. Sci-fi drama, starring Charlton Heston. (1968)

THURSDAY
Arizona Raiders, Channel 4, 1.25pm
In the aftermath of the American Civil War, two Confederate soldiers are offered a way out of jail. Their former comrades-in-arms are now a gang of bandits terrorising Arizona, and the two prisoners are sent to infiltrate the group and bring them to justice. Western, starring Audie Murphy and Gloria Talbott. (1965)

FRIDAY
Gladiator, ITV, 10.35pm
Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius is a casualty of a power struggle between the corrupt Emperor Commodus and the senate. Ordered to be put to death along with his family, he escapes his would-be killers and is sold into slavery, only to become a gladiator and seek revenge for the murder of his wife and child. Oscar-winning period epic, with Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix. (2000)

Pick of the Week

Robin feels the baby blues on her home turf

Dark skies, brooding atmosphere, mystery and people in peril... We could be talking about Scandinavian noir, that breed of programmes that has taken British TV by storm over the past four years, or even Channel 4's moody French import, The Returned.

But no, we're describing New Zealand's attempt to get in on the broody drama act.

Top of the Lake has been co-written and co-directed by acclaimed Kiwi film-maker Jane Campion, whose previous work includes The Piano (for which she won a Best Screenplay Oscar, as well as the Palme d'Or), The Portrait of a Lady and Bright Star.

However, there is an international feel about the production, thanks to the presence in the cast of Americans Elisabeth Moss and Holly Hunter (who's reunited with Campion here for the first time since winning a Best Actress Academy Award for her performance in The Piano), Australians David Wenham and Thomas M Wright, and Scotsman Peter Mullan.

Fans of Mad Men may receive a jolt when they see Moss dressed down in the lead role after becoming used to watching her as the immaculately attired secretary-turned-copywriter Peggy Olson. The actress could hardly believe her luck when the script of Top of the Lake landed in her lap.

"I've always been a huge fan of Jane Campion, she does such incredible work, so many different kinds of things, but they always have her own sensibility about them," says Moss. "She is the epitome of the actor's director so getting the opportunity to learn from her and be challenged by her has been such an incredible part of this experience."

Moss plays Detective Robin Griffin, a child protection officer, who's recently returned to her home town to nurse her ailing mother.

When pregnant 12-year-old local girl Tui Mitcham is rescued from a frozen lake, it's Robin who's called in to take care of her case. Her investigation uncovers disturbing facts about the locals – not to mention aspects of her own life she'd rather forget.

"Robin is one of those incredible female roles that are really rare where you have a character who is strong and feminine, who has a lot to do and who has an incredible emotional journey," explains Moss.

"Jane understands the complexities of people, and she obviously has a gift for female characters that have those complexities, showing that they're not always right, they're not always wrong, they're not always beautiful – they're often ugly, they're not always strong but they're incredibly powerful. So for me it's sort of a dream role and it's very different from anything I've ever done."

So, why should we tune in?

"The story becomes Robin's search for herself as she's also diving into her own past that she's been running away from," claims Moss. "It's a detective story, it's a mystery, it has all these elements about it that are sort of tried and true.

"But what makes it different is it's got the Jane Campion touch. So everything is just a lot darker, a lot stranger, a lot more complicated than that."

You've sold it to us Elisabeth – bring on those dark skies!

Elisabeth Moss (centre) stars in Top of the Lake, Saturday, BBC2, 9.10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
The Gadget Show
Channel 5, 8pm
Boys may love their toys, but who said gadgets have to be just for blokes? Rachel Riley seems to have a fine time working on this series, as she proves in assorted reports featuring Jason Bradbury. They investigate problems surrounding connecting to wi-fi; they also look at the latest routers, and build life-size remote-piloted superheroes modelled on themselves. Meanwhile, ex-Olympic triple jump champion Jonathan Edwards tests cycling computers, and globe-trotting reporter Pollyanna Woodward is off to Hungary where she tries out a one-third scale radio-controlled car. Plus, TGS veteran Jon Bentley will be trying out a range of tablet computers.

Run
Channel 4, 10pm
Nobody does misery quite like Olivia Colman. She's suffered wonderfully in Broadchurch and Tyrannosaur, but it's her episode of Accused, for which she won a Best Actress Bafta earlier this year, that will spring to mind while watching this new drama. Both feature Colman as a mother living on a bleak inner-city estate, and both have her facing issues involving her children. This time, Colman plays Carol, a tough single mother who is struggling to hold her Brixton-based family together. Her depressing situation deteriorates even further when her teenage sons commit a random act of violence that results in the death of a stranger. But just how far will she go to keep her children out of jail?

TUESDAY
Luther
BBC1, 9pm
The penultimate offering centres on the murder of two young hoodies shot at close range in what looks like a gangland crime, and another man who dies shortly after. The deceased all had criminal records, so it looks like a new killer with a personal vendetta against all past offenders is on the loose, and only one man can stop him. The trouble is, Luther (Idris Elba) struggles to control the increased public attention when the killer posts a video of himself online, calling for changes to the public justice system. The psychopath is on a mission and he's bound to strike again, but with so many possible victims, who will he target next?

WEDNESDAY
The Apprentice: The Final
BBC1, 8pm
It's nine years since this show's first run, and over the years we've seen Tim Campbell, Michelle Dewberry, Simon Ambrose, Lee McQueen, Yasmina Siadatan, Stella English, Tom Pellereau and Ricky Martin (not that one) hear those magic words "You're hired". Leah Totton, Jordan Poulton, Myles Mordaunt and Luisa Zissman, among others, have been great entertainment value this year. Who will manage to impress Lord Sugar and his team of advisers one final time this series? We haven't got a clue, but there is one way to find out. As ever, Nick Hewer and Karren Brady will be presiding over the drama as the final challenge is executed.

The Apprentice: The Final, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

Maxine Peake: Performance, Protest and Peterloo
BBC2, 10pm
At 38 years old, Maxine Peake has a sparkling CV that many actors twice her age would be envious of. So it's little wonder that with Manchester's International Festival now in its final week, the Beeb has decided to focus its attention on the gifted actress, who took on a huge role within it.

The festival has showcased a collection of world-class talent, theatrical premieres and ground-breaking musical performances – and among them was Ms Peake performing in Shelley's The Masque of Anarchy. Miranda Sawyer meets up with Maxine to discuss the poem.

THURSDAY
Live Golf: The Open Championship
BBC2, 9am
The world's finest golfers congregate at Muirfield in Gullane, East Lothian, for the opening day of what is one of the most prestigious events on the sport's calendar. Last year's tournament threw up its fair share of drama as Australian Adam Scott saw his form collapse at the end of the final round, allowing South African veteran Ernie Els to creep up the leaderboard and deny him his first Major title by a single stroke. Scott has since got that monkey off his back by tasting glory at this year's Masters, but Els will be feeling confident of retaining his trophy having won The Open on this course back in 2002.

The Briefs
ITV, 9pm
This intriguing series returns with another two-parter to give us an insight into British justice from the perspective of the defence. First up at Tuckers Solicitors in Manchester, we meet serial offender Kyle, accused of taking part in a violent street brawl, and of a house burglary – but he's no stranger to the legal advisors at the firm, in fact, they're representing him for the 34th time. Meanwhile, Alex faces a charge of causing criminal damage by scratching a car, a break from the norm for him, as he usually robs businesses.

FRIDAY
Coronation Street
ITV, 7.30pm
Rob and Tracy going into business together could be a recipe for disaster. After all, they're both ex cons, which is fine if they've learned their lessons, but given the recent silk theft from Underworld it seems they haven't. Little wonder Carla and Michelle are amazed by the news, and Peter should also worry because when Rob places £500 on an accumulator, he stands to lose around £35,000.

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Codeword

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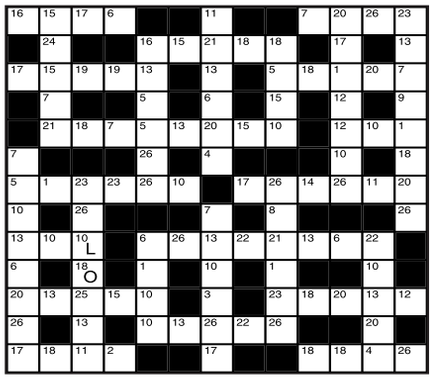

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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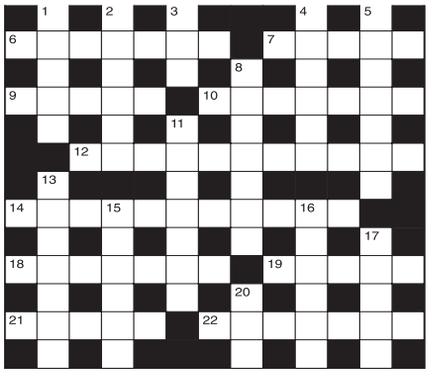
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Direct way for joining the buzzer to a telephone connection (3-4)
7 & 22Ac. Woolgatherer (5-7)
9. Luggage carried by elephant (5)
10. Boarding-house that provides for one who has retired (7)
12. Supplying more men to check coercion (11)
14. The writer is about to restrict the powers that be (11)
18. Not in agreement with anti-gas disturbance (7)
19. Describing the sort of discipline that comes from a master nowadays? (5)
21. Broadcaster (5)
22. See 7 Across

Down

1. See 3 Down
2. A member of the fair sex (6)
3 & 1Dn. The insect tolerates the aardvarks (3-5)
4. Singular version of natural science that provides a remedy (6)
5. Tell what happens at a close election (7)
8. Arranges expatriation of French near the dock areas (7)
11. Dismantle? (7)
13. The lad is about to encourage the operator (7)
15. Welcomed and provided with a cold shower? (6)
16. Additional changes for special editions (6)
17. Had an irritating effect - brought before the court (5)
20. Pitch reserved (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Propriety (7)
7. Rush out suddenly (5)
9. Call for (5)
10. Refined (7)
12. Mix together (11)
14. Intelligence (11)
18. Flagrant (7)
19. Perfect (5)
21. Concur (5)
22. Qualified (7)

Down

1. Answer (5)
2. Idea (6)
3. Purchase (3)
4. Slang (6)
5. Expressionlessly (7)
8. A region's weather (7)
11. Abundant (7)
13. Likeness in certain respects (7)
15. Vent (6)
16. Severe trial (6)
17. Match (5)
20. Pale (3)

Sudoku

		2	4		9	6		
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	5	4		2		8		1
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	9	3	8	6	1	4		
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	4	8	5	9	3	1	7	2
5	1	7	4	8	2	9	6	3
9	3	2	7	6	1	4	8	5
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4	7	5	3	1	6	8	2	9
2	9	6	8	7	5	3	4	1
1	8	3	9	2	4	7	5	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Reductions; 7 Ionic; 8 Lighten; 10 Sweeping; 11 Fort; 13 Casket; 15 Ticker; 17 Iran; 18 Optional; 21 Notable; 22 Irons; 23 Pestilence. Down: 1 Range; 2 Decipher; 3 Colony; 4 Iago; 5 Network; 6 Dissection; 9 Naturalist; 12 Division; 14 Seattle; 16 Appeal; 19 Noose; 20 Abet. QUICK - Across: 1 Preference; 7 Eject; 8 Plainer; 10 Exterior; 11 Less; 13 Tussle; 15 Portal; 17 Beer; 18 Prospect; 21 Express; 22 Bravo; 23 Despondent. Down: 1 Pleat; 2 Entirely; 3 Employ; 4 Elan; 5 Consent; 6 Detestable; 9 Resolution; 12 Possible; 14 Steeple; 16 Prison; 19 Exact; 20 Deep.

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The good-sized kitchen has matching wall and base units, stainless steel sink drainer with mixer tap, electric oven and gas hob with extractor over, integrated fridge, and space and plumbing for a washing machine and space for a tumble dryer.

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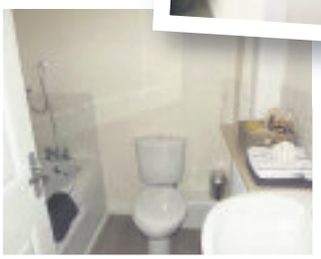

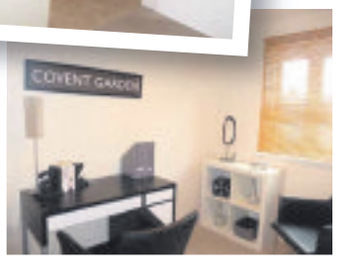

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Ground floor maisonette. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Storage Heaters and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing Essential. ••No Chain EPC- TBC
£65,000

West Bromwich

Pingle Close
First floor modern maisonette. Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Comunal Gardens and garage at rear. Viewing essential. Energy Rating 72 (C)
OIEO £70,000

Wednesbury

Rooth Street
immaculately presented Semi Detached. The property boasts a Lounge, Dining Room, kitchen and Bathroom to the Ground Floor, three bedrooms to the first floor and to the exterior benefits from rear garden. this property requires viewing to be fully appreciated. Energy Rating 50 (E)
£75,000

Wednesbury

Broadwaters Avenue
Well Presented Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Two Bedrooms, Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing Essential. Energy Rating 72 (C)
£84,950

Wednesbury

Friar Park Road
Well Presented Mid Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Kitchen Diner, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing. Viewing Essential. Energy Rating 57 (D)
£90,000

Wednesbury

Roberts Road
Well presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, One Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs Cloakroom, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly essential. Energy Rating 52 (E)
OIEO £105,000

West Bromwich

Wigmore Lodge
Two Bedroomed Period Property with Panoramic Views. Apartment must be viewed to be appreciated. Accomodation Comprises- Long Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Enclosed Garden Area and Archway to rear Parking Area. Energy Rating 48 (E)
£128,000

West Bromwich

Stanhurst Way
Immaculately Well Presented Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Up Stairs Bathroom, Separate Toilet, Off Road Parking, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. EPC- TBC
£135,000

West Bromwich

Greswold Street
Well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Cloak Room, Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 62 (D)
£137,000

West Bromwich

Greswold Street
Well-presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs Cloak Room, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC- TBC
£145,000

West Bromwich

Ruskin Street
semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Down Stairs Shower Room, Up Stairs Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 73 (C)
£155,000

West Bromwich

Lily Street
three bedroom semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two/Three Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing. Viewing essential to appreciate this property. Energy Rating - 62 (D)
£160,000

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Haywoods Farm
Three Bedroom Detached Property. Briefly comprinsing of Three Bedrooms, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Garage, Front And Rear Garden. Viewing essential. Energy Rating 58 (D)
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Haywoods Farm
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£170,000

Wednesbury

Knowles Street
Immaculately presented detached property. Occupying a corner position this executive property makes an ideal family home. The property benefits Lounge, Dining Area, Modern Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms with en suite to master, Family Bathroom, Good Size Rear Garden, Garage and Driveway.
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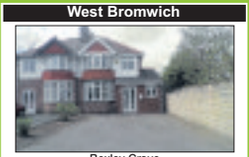
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Haypits Close
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£215,000

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Whitworth Drive
Immaculately presented detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Cloak Room, En Suite To Master, Family Bathroom, Conservatory, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy rating 71 (C)
£220,000

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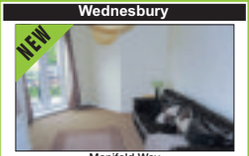

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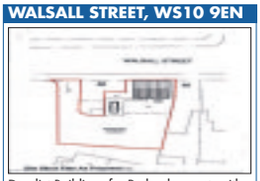

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MIDHILL DRIVE
A well presented detached family home. Storm porch, hall, lounge, feature fireplace, dining room, dining kitchen, utility and W.C. Stairs to four bedrooms, bathroom, shower over bath, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front & rear gardens. ENERGY RATING D
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Traditional semi-detached house comprising reception hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room/bedroom 4, conservatory, utility, downstairs toilet, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens. ENERGY RATING D
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TIPTON

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Corner terraced property benefiting of gas central heating and double glazing (where specified). Vestibule, entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, lobby, shower room, bathroom, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, rear garden. ENERGY RATING D
Offers in the region of £94,950

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TIPTON

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Semi-detached house in a popular residential location. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, understairs store cupboard, lean to verandah, two bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing, central heating, tarmac driveway and rear garden. Energy Rating C
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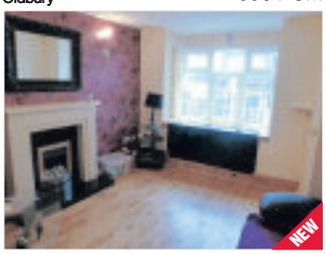
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Mortgagees in possession are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £139,950 for 99 Bearwood Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B66 4LN.
Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Connells, 122 Poplar Road, Bearwood, Birmingham, B66 4AP, 0121 420 3611 before exchange of contracts or within the next 7 days whichever is sooner.

Bearwood Road Bearwood £274,950

A MODERN detached property with internal viewing recommended, comprising 2 reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, utility area, ground floor shower room, 4 bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom, double glazed and centrally where specified, front driveway, garage, rear garden. EPC Rating: C

Harvest Road Smethwick £124,950

A well maintained three bedroom semi detached property occupying a generous corner plot, in a popular and convenient residential location, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, accommodation comprises of: entrance hall, lounge, inner hallway, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside has a garage parking to the front, gardens to side and rear. EPC Rating: E

Park Road Bearwood £165,000

A VERY WELL PRESENTED four bedroom mid terraced Victorian property within close proximity to Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance porch, entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, bathroom, four bedrooms, separate low level WC, gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating: D

Norman Street Birmingham £87,500

A well maintained two bedroom end terraced property in a convenient residential location. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing, the accommodation comprises: lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, to the first floor two bedrooms. To the rear is a courtyard garden. EPC Rating: E

Weston Road Bearwood £139,950

A VERY WELL PRESENTED, SPACIOUS three bedroom Victorian mid terraced property in the heart of a popular and desirable residential location. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance vestibule, lounge, dining room, inner lobby, kitchen, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, separate toilet. Outside: garden areas to front and rear. EPC Rating: D

Wigorn Road Smethwick £134,950

A DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, WELL MAINTAINED Victorian mid terraced property ideally situated in a popular and convenient residential location. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: vestibule, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, cloakroom, two first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Outside: gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating: D

Merrivale Road Smethwick £127,500

A WELL MAINTAINED two bedroom mid Victorian terraced property located on the popular Merrivale Road, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, inner hallway, kitchen/breakfast, two bedrooms and bathroom. Outside: gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating: TBA

Cemetery Road Smethwick £77,500

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Willow Avenue Birmingham £212,000

A RECENTLY RENOVATED AND IMMACULATELY PRESENTED three bedroom detached property situated on the popular and desirable Willow Avenue. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance porch, entrance hall, through lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, lean to, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside: parking & gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating: D

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PUBLIC NOTICE

37 Old College Drive, Wednesbury, West Midlands WS10 0DD. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £62,000. Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. EPC Rating C. Connells, 22 Spring Head, Wednesbury, West Midlands WS10 9AD Tel 0121 556 2338.

Hopton Close Tipton £115,000

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Pound Road Wednesbury £100,000

A traditional three bedroom mid-terrace property benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom with separate WC, rear garden. EPC rating TBA.

Handley Street Wednesbury £110,000

EARLY VIEWING ADVISED ! A beautifully presented three bedroom property benefitting from No Upward Chain and briefly comprising of Upvc double glazing and central heating (as specified), lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor re-fitted bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and off road parking. EPC Rating D.

Franchise Street Wednesbury £104,950

A modern style two and half storey three bedroom end townhouse benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, guest cloakroom, fitted kitchen, lounge, en-suite to master bedroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and off road parking. EPC rating C.

MeetingStreet Wednesbury £139,950

A well maintained modern style three/four bedroom mid-town house benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hallway, guest cloakroom, open plan fitted kitchen/diner, family bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom, enclosed rear garden, allocated parking. EPC Rating B.

Holyhead Road Wednesbury £81,950

A modern style second floor apartment benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, secure intercom entry system, uPVC double glazing (as specified) electric heating, reception hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, two bedrooms, communal gardens, allocated parking. EPC rating C.

Waldron Close Wednesbury £74,995

An ideal opportunity to purchase a two bedroom mid-terrace property in a cul-de-sac location benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing (as specified) fitted kitchen, lounge, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, allocated parking. EPC rating E.

Bowling Green Close Wednesbury £64,950

A three bedroom mid-terrace property benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, first floor bathroom, separate WC, front and rear gardens. EPC rating D.

Oldbury Street Wednesbury £185,000

A well maintained four bedroom detached property briefly comprising of, double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and drive-way providing off road parking. Viewing highly recommended. Energy rating E.

Wood Green Road Wednesbury £250,000

A substantial three bedroom semi-detached residence conscientiously improved by it's current owners offering an abundance of character and charm. Retaining many original features the property briefly comprises of entrance hallway, two reception rooms, re-fitted breakfast kitchen and re-fitted bathroom. Energy Rating E.

Oldbury 70/76 Birmingham Street Birmingham B69 4EB

Sycamore Road Oldbury £220,000

EPC Rating Awaiting - AN INDIVIDUALLY UNIQUE MODERN detached corner plot property having two reception rooms, kitchen/diner, utility room, downstairs w.c, four bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, garage to rear and off road parking. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

Frank Road Smethwick £160,000

EPC Rating Awaiting - A TRADITIONAL three bedroom semi detached property with two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs shower, room, upstairs bathroom, rear garden and GARAGE. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

New Birmingham Road Oldbury £155,000

EPC AWAITING - A three bedroom tradition semi-detached property on the New Birmingham Road with NO UPWARD CHAIN and MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE. Propery has hallway, downstairs wc, two reception rooms, kitchen, rear garden, off road parking to the front, upstairs bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified.

Avery Myers Close Oldbury £137,500

EPC Rating C - An IMMACULATE three bedroom property with NO UPWARD CHAIN in a CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION which MUST be viewed comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, upstairs bathroom, rear garden and off road parking to front with an OUTSIDE LOG CABIN. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

Macmillan Close Oldbury, Tividale £119,995

EPC Rating A - VIEWING RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE CONDITION of mid terraced situated within a CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION comprising of three good sized bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, separate w.c, off road parking to front and rear garden. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

St Michaels Crescent Oldbury £117,500

EPC Rating D - A THREE BEDROOM MODERNISED PROPERTY IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION off the Wolverhampton Road being ideal for transport links and bus routes. The property has three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, upstairs family bathroom, off road parking to the front. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. The property can be extended subject to planning.

Causeway Green Road Oldbury £109,950

EPC Rating D - A two bedroom, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, mid terraced property also having kitchen, downstairs shower room, upstairs bathroom, rear garden and off road parking to rear. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

Castner House, Hereford Road Oldbury £97,000

EPC Rating C - A MODERN two bedroom upper floor apartment having open plan lounge / kitchen, bathroom and allocated parking space. Double glazing and electric heaters where specified. • NO UPWARD CHAIN •

Redwood Drive Tividale £87,500

EPC Rating Awaiting - A MODERN two bedroom semi detached property in CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION. Ideal for First Time Buyers or Buy To Let. • NO UPWARD CHAIN •

Church Street Oldbury £66,500 OIRO

EPC Rating D CLOSE PROXIMITY TO OLDBURY TOWN CENTRE and all it s amenities and transport links. A one bedroom ground floor apartment comprising of lounge, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens and off road parking. •NO UPWARD CHAIN•

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Rowley View West Bromwich £119,950

A 3 bedroom mid terrace property in need of modernisation,briefly comprising of reception room,kitchen,veranda,front and rear gardens,central heating,double glazing,garage NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC RATING D

Kent Close West Bromwich £99,950

- A 3 bedroom end terrace property in need of modernisation, in a cul de sac location,briefly comprising of central heating,2 reception rooms,upstairs bathroom,front and rear garden, NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC RATING TBC

Witton Lane West Bromwich £138,000

A 4 bedroom mid terrace property,briefly comprising of 2 reception rooms,kitchen,central heating,double glazing, off road parking, rear garden.EPC RATING D

Shaftesbury Street West Bromwich £109,950

A 3 bedroom semi detached property in need of modernisation,briefly comprising of 2 reception rooms, downstairs cloakroom, upstairs bathroom, off road parking EPC RATING F

St Martin Close West Bromwich £150,000

A 2 bedroom detached bungalow, briefly comprising of central heating,double glazing, conservatory,utility room,front and rear gardens, off road parking, garage,NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC RATING TBC

Harwood Street West Bromwich £120,000

A 4 bedroom mid terrace property, briefly comprising of double glazing, central heating, through lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen , first floor shower room, separate WC, enclosed rear garden. EPC RATING TBC

Gospel Oak Road Tipton £134,950

A traditional 3 bedroom semi detached property,briefly comprising of 2 reception rooms,kitchen,central heating,double glazing,central heating,enclosed rear garden EPC RATING D

Hobbins Brook House West Bromwich £55,000

••• NO UPWARD CHAIN ••• A 1 bedroom first floor apartment,briefly comprising of communal hallway,double glazing,central heating,lounge,fitted kitchen,bathroom,allocated parking ENERGY RATING C

Bedford Road West Bromwich £135,000

A modern 2 bedroom detached bungalow,briefly comprising of conservatory, off road parking,central heating,double glazing,rear garden - Energy Rating C

PUBLIC NOTICE

Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £92,000 for 15 Brett Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands,B71 1SD. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells 1c Astle Park, West Bromwich, B70 8NS, 0121 525 1177 before exchange of contracts. EPC RATING E

Westley Court West Bromwich £64,950

A modern 2 bedroom 1st floor apartment, briefly comprising of double glazing,central heating, lounge,kitchen,ensuite, bathroom. NO UPWARD CHAIN ENERGY RATING C

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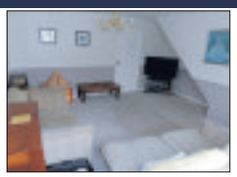
PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

NEW



SARAH CLOSE
BILSTON

- EPC Rating C
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£119,995

FEATURED PROPERTY

NEW

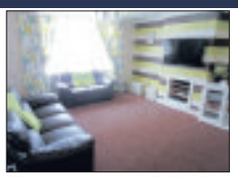
ELIZABETH WALK
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Extended four bedroom semi detached
- Through lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen and utility room
- Guest cloakroom
- Family bathroom and shower room
- Block paved off road parking
- Front and rear gardens
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)

£159,995

MANAGER'S CHOICE

NEW



OAK ROAD
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£94,995

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NEW

HERITAGE WAY
TIPTON

- EPC Rating C
- Four bedroom modern detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and conservatory
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master plus family bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage and off road parking

£179,950

NEW

WESTON DRIVE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom extended detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Extended kitchen
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Conservatory
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£174,995

NEW

SYDNEY CLOSE
WEST BROMWICH

- EPC Rating C
- Extended End Terrace
- Corner plot
- Five Bedrooms
- Through lounge/dining room
- Sitting room
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage to Rear

£149,995

NEW

FIELD ROAD
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom detached bungalow
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and family bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking and garage
- Front and rear gardens
- In need of some modernisation

£149,995

NEW

CHARLOTTE ROAD
WEDNESBURY

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden
- Off road parking for three vehicles

£117,950

NEW

CATHERTON CLOSE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating C
- Modern two bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

£114,995

NEW

MEYRICK ROAD
WEST BROMWICH

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Off road Parking
- Rear Garden

£114,995

NEW

VICARAGE STREET
OLDBURY

- EPC Rating E
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Sitting room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing (where specified)
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Downstairs bathroom
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£109,995

NEW

MONARCH DRIVE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating C
- Modern two bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£108,995

NEW

KIDD CROFT
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Two bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden

£105,950

NEW

EDWARD FISHER DRIVE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating C
- Modern two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£104,995

NEW

DARTMOUTH STREET
WEST BROMWICH

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden

£104,995

NEW

COPHALL STREET
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Modern two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Conservatory
- Rear garden
- Parking to front

£99,995

NEW

BLOOMFIELD TERRACE
TIPTON

- Two bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Garage to rear
- Front & rear gardens

£99,995

NEW

CASTLE ROAD
TIPTON

- EPC Rating E
- Two bedroom detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Side garden

£94,995

DUDLEY ROAD
TIPTON

- Energy Rating E
- Period four bedroom semi detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Oak room/sitting room
- Downstairs WC
- Original features
- Large garage and garden

£219,995

BARTLETT CLOSE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating E
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen and utility
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking and Garage

£129,995

WORDSWORTH CLOSE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating E
- Two Bedroom Back to Back End Terrace
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Off Road Parking
- Front Garden

£68,950

REDUCED

HAINES CLOSE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Conservatory
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC and first floor family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking • Garage

WAS £142,995 NOW £139,995

REDUCED

ALEXANDRA ROAD
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Two bedroom detached house
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Garage conversion/dining room
- Majority double glazing
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking for several vehicles
- Front and rear gardens

Was £104,995 Now £99,995

REDUCED

SHERIDON STREET
WEST BROMWICH

- EPC Rating E
- Three Bedroom Mid Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Garage/Storage Space
- In Need of Modernisation
- No Upward Chain

Was £102,950 Now £ 97,950

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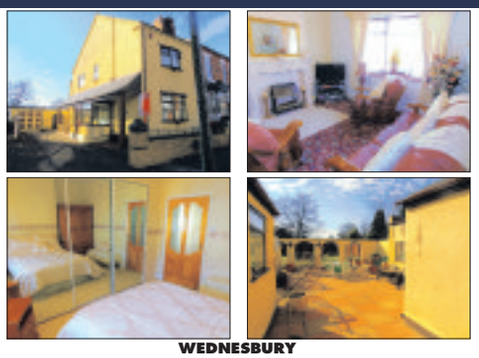
PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WEDNESBURY
KING STREET

- SUPERIOR TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- EN SUITE TO MASTER, FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- ALLOCATED PARKING, DOUBLE GLAZING & ELECTRIC HEATING
- FORMER SHOW HOME. NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC B

OFFERS £96,950

FEATURED PROPERTY



WEDNESBURY
ROOTH STREET

- VICTORIAN THREE BEDROOM BUTT DETACHED
- LOUNGE, DINING ROOM & FITTED KITCHEN
- SUPERB ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN & OFF STREET PARKING
- GARAGE, VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC RATING D

OFFERS OVER £180,000

MANAGER'S CHOICE

WEDNESBURY
CRANKHALL LANE

- THREE BED SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE, DINING ROOM & EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN
- CENTRAL HEATING & MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZING
- DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN, NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING E

OFFERS £112,000

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NEW

DARLASTON
HEATHFIELD LANE

- IMPRESSIVE THREE BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY OR FAMILY HOME
- LOUNGE, DINING KITCHEN & GARAGE
- DOWNSTAIRS WC & STORAGE
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC RATING D

OFFERS £109,950

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
BRINDLEY ROAD

- DOUBLE FRONTED THREE BED SEMI DETACHED
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN & BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- ENVIABLE LOCATION ON POPULAR ESTATE.
- ENCLOSED LAWN REAR GARDEN. EPC RATING C

£126,950

NEW

DARLASTON
JOHNSON ROAD

- FAMILY TOWNHOUSE IN QUITE CUL DE SAC
- SUNNY GARDEN, NOT OVERLOOKED
- THREE WELL PROPORTIONED BEDROOMS
- EXTENDED LOUNGE / DINING ROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN & GARAGE. EPC RATING C

OFFERS £114,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
COLLEGE CLOSE

- TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- COMMUNAL GARDENS & PARKING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING B

OFFERS £74,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
HOBS ROAD

- THREE BED SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- OFF STREET PARKING. EPC RATING F

OFFERS £95,000

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
CORPORATION STREET

- LOVELY VICTORIAN SEMI DETACHED
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS & UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS & KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING, CENTRAL HEATING
- SUUNY, LARGE, ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING C

OFFERS CONSIDERED £99,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
PRINCE GEORGE ROAD

- WELL PROPORTIONED THREE BED SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE & FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNS STAIRS SHOWER ROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- OFF ROAD PARKING. EPC RATING D

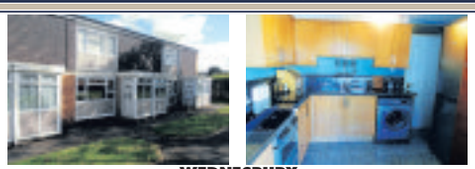
OFFERS £104,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
CHURCHFIELDS ROAD

- EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- EXTENDED KITCHEN
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS. EPC E

OFFERS £154,995



WEDNESBURY
PAUL STREET

- ONE BED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- IMPROVED & WELL PRESENTED
- GATED COURTYARD. EPC RATING C

OFFERS £67,995

WEDNESBURY
TAME CROSSING

- IMPRESSIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN SUITE
- LOUNGE, DINING ROOM & KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY & DOWNSTAIRS WC.
- OFF STREET PARKING. EPC RATING C

OFFERS £194,950

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
WYNDMILL CRESCENT

- VERY WELL PROPORTIONED FAMILY SEMI
- THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, MASTER FITTED
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE, DINING KITCHEN & CONSERVATORY
- GENEROUS PLOT HAS CARAVAN PARKING & GARAGE.
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN.
- ESTABLISHED LOCATION CLOSE TO ALL AMENITIES. EPC RATING C

OFFERS OVER £142,500

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
BRINDLEY ROAD

- EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- ENLARGED LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM/WC/BEDROOM
- OFF ROAD BLOCK PAVED PARKING
- DOUBLE GLAZED & CENTRAL HEATING
- EPC RATING C

OFFERS £124,950

WEDNESBURY
VICARAGE ROAD

- INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED & BUILT TWO BED BUNGALOW
- DECEPTIVELY WELL PROPORTIONED ACCOMMODATION
- MODERN FITTINGS,LOVELY BREAKFAST KITCHEN & LARGE LOUNGE
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF ROAD PARKING, ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN.
- NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING C

OFFERS £164,950

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York Close Tipton

• Detached
• double glazing • gas central heating
• sought after location
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £166,950

New Road Tipton

• Traditional Extended Middle Terrace
• UPVc Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
• Extended to Rear
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating E
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £99,950

Bramah Way Tipton

• modern end terrace
• upvc double glazing • gas central heating
• improved accommodation / viewing recommended
• 2 bedrooms, epc rating TBC
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £112,500

View Point Oldbury

• modern executive detached
• gas central heating • upvc double glazing
• superb views • sought after location
• 3 bedrooms • en suite, epc rating TBC
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £199,995

Tipton Road Dudley

• traditional end terrace
• upvc double glazing • gas central heating
• no upward chain • extended to rear
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating E
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £64,950

Park Lane East Tipton

• middle terrace
• gas central heating
• no upeard chain
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating D
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £62,500

Belmont Close Tipton

• modern semi detached
• upvc double glazing • no upward chain
• indeal buy to let / first time purchase
• 2 bedrooms, epc rating F
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £74,950

Ratcliff Way Tipton

• modern semi detached
• gas central heating
• sought after development
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £124,995

Windsor Road Tipton

• end terrace
• upvc double glazing (most windows)
• excellent corner plot • GCH
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £89,000

Ashtree Road Oldbury

• extended semi detached
• gas central heating • upvc double glazing
• extended to side • no upward chain
• 4 bedrooms, epc rating D
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £129,995

PUBLIC NOTICE

Church Street
Paul Dubberley & Co are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £65,000 for 6 Church Street, Tipton, DY4 7SR. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Paul Dubberley & Co, 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7HF - tel 0121 522 3733 before exchange of contracts. EPC F

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sarah Close
12 Sarah Close, Bilston, West Midlands, WV14 8YY. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £78,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agents before exchange of contracts takes place. Paul Dubberley and Co, 73 Great bridge, Tipton, DY4 7HF. Epc Rating D

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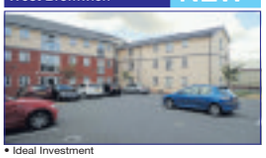
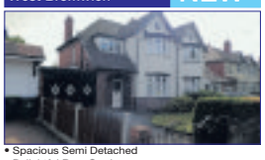

• Ideal Investment
• Modern First Floor Flat
• Two Bedrooms
• Energy Rating TBC, Security Intercom System
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £75,000

Heath Lane West Bromwich — NEW

• Spacious Semi Detached
• Delightful Rear Garden
• Two Reception Rooms
• Energy Rating E, Three Bedrooms
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £175,000

Charlemont Avenue West Bromwich — NEW

• Traditional Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Delightful Rear Garden
• Energy Rating D, Side Garage
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £235,000

Europa Avenue West Bromwich — NEW

• Modern Detached Property
• Three Bedrooms
• Situated On A Corner Plot
• EPC TBC, Side Garage
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £149,950

Ireland Green Road West Bromwich — NEW

• Detached Bungalow
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Driveway For Several Vehicles
• Energy Rating TBC, Spacious Lounge
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Rayford Drive West Bromwich — REDUCED

• Popular Residential Location
• Easy Access To Motorway Links
• Semi Detached Property
• Energy Rating D, Three Bedrooms
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Creed Way West Midlands — REDUCED

• A Recently Built Ground Floor Apartment
• 1 Bedroom
• No Upward Chain
• Enery Rating B, Central Heating and Double Glaz-
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £60,000

Walsall Road West Bromwich — REDUCED

• Delightfully Presented
• Detached Bungalow
• Three Double Bedrooms
• Energy Rating E, Double Glazed Conservatory
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £228,000

Ely Crescent West Bromwich — REDUCED

• A Deceptively Spacious, Double Fronted Mid Terraced House
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OFFERS IN EXCESS: Viewing: £110,000

Earl Street West Bromwich

• Detached Property
• Two Bedrooms
• Upstairs Bathroom
• Energy Rating, Lounge, Dining Room
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £115,000

Temple Meadows Road West Bromwich

• Situated in a popular Residential Area
• 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
• Hallway
• Energy Rating E, Lounge & Dining Room
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £175,000

Oak Road West Bromwich

• Traditional Extended Semi Detached
• Much Improved Immaculate Accommodation
• UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
• EPC Rating TBC, Porch and Reception Hall
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Wednesbury Oak Road Tipton — REDUCED

• A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (As spec.)
• No Chain!
• Energy Rating E, Garage and Off Road Parking
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £95,000

Walsall Street Wednesbury — NEW

• 15 Room Detached Building
• Former Solicitors Office
• Extensive Modernisation Required
• EPC Rating: TBC, Excellent Motorway Access
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £150,000

Hodgkiss Close Wednesbury

• 3 Bedroom Modern Detached
• Central Heating and Double Glazing
• Entrance Hall and Guest WC
• Cul-de-Sac Location, Lounge and Dining Room
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £179,950

Booth Street Darlaston

• A Near New 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Reception Hall & Guest WC
• EPC Rating: C, Lounge
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £147,950

Poplar Road Wednesbury

• Impressive Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
• Cul-de-Sac Location
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £155,000

Johnson Road Wednesbury

• Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
• Excellent Transport Links
• EPC Rating: D, Recently Re-Decorated 17ft Lounge
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £97,000

Cobham Road Wednesbury

• A Well Maintained & Extended 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Easy Access to Stone Cross & Walsall
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £100,000

Vicarage Road Wednesbury

• A Period 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home with No Chain!
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing (as spec.)
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £80,000

St Johns Road Darlaston

• A 3 Bedroom End Terrace Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Dining Room
• EPC Rating E, Lounge
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £80,000

Weston Drive Tipton

• A Modern 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Off Road Parking
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Energy Rating D, Storm Porch & Reception Hall
OFFERS OVER: Viewing: £105,000

Hawthorn Road Wednesbury

• Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
• No Upward Chain!
• EPC Rating: D, Reception Hall
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £125,000

Christine Close Tipton

• A 3 Bedroom Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Reception Hall
• EPC Rating: D, Lounge
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £150,000

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£ 650 PCM

THAMEBRIDGE
ASTER WAY

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- Garage
- Good Size Rooms
- Detached
- SORRY NO DHSS

£650 PCM

WEDNESBURY
CHURCH HILL

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- newly fitted kitchen
- off road parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£ 625 PCM

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- Two Bedrooms
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- End Terrace
- Mint Condition
- SORRY NO DHSS

£550 PCM

THAMEBRIDGE
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- Available September

£ 550 PCM

TAMEBRIDGE
THETFORD WAY

- End Terraced House
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- Downstairs WC
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

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DUDLEY
DAFFODIL CLOSE,

- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry NO DHSS

£500 PCM

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ASTON COURT

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Integrated Kitchen Appliances
- Allocated Parking

£ 495 PCM

WEDNESBURY
DORSETT ROAD

- 3 bedroom
- mid terrace
- newly fitted kitchen
- block paved driveway
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£ 495 PCM

WEDNESBURY
HOLYHEAD ROAD,

- Two Bedrooms
- Entrance Hallway
- Second Floor
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£475 PCM

DARLASTON
GORDON STREET

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception rooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY
THE AVENUE

- Two Bedrooms
- 2nd Floor Apartment
- Lounge with Juliet Balcony
- Entrance Hallway
- Bathroom with Shower

£450 PCM

GREAT BARR
PERRY VILLA DRIVE

- Duplex Apartment
- THREE Bedrooms
- call GOODCHILDS to VIEW
- Double Glazing
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£ 450 PCM

WEDNESBURY
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Shower
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WOOD GREEN ROAD
WEDNESBURY

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- Ground Floor Flat
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73 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Recently refurbished freehold mid-terraced property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Superbly appointed refitted bathroom
- Through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £124,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW!

208 LIGHTWOODS HILL,

- A most impressive individually designed freehold detached family residence
- Delightfully situated in a sought after location overlooking Warley Woods
- Extremely spacious accommodation which is gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Four bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom and separate W.C.
- Lounge, separate dining room, morning room, refitted kitchen, laundry/utility room,launderette, stores and W.C.

OFFERS BASED ON £369,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

27 THIMBLEMILL ROAD,

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Dining room, lounge and kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom with electric shower
- Ideal for first time purchasers
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

OFFERS BASED ON £114950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW!

119 SALOP ROAD, OLDBURY

- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed and alarmed
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with individual shower compartment
- Extended through lounge/dining room
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Off-street parking for two cars
- Internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £119,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

39 BRISBANE ROAD, SMETHWICK

Gas centrally heated
Double glazed
Three bedrooms
Open plan lounge/diner
Extended kitchen
ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £102,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW!

87 CLENT ROAD, OLDBURY

- Extended and well maintained accommodation
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Hall and fitted cloakroom
- 25ft through lounge and fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Well appointed bathroom with individual shower
- Garage and off-street parking for two cars
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £149,750

Viewing: Bearwood Office

ROTTON PARK ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Spacious family accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : E

Offers Based On £169,950

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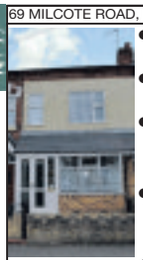
NEW!



69 MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, through lounge/dining room and kitchen
- ENERGY

OFFERS BASED ON £149,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

CHESHIRE ROAD ; SMETHWICK

- End terraced
- Close Smethwick High Street
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Ideal family home
- ENERGY RATING : E

Offers Based On £114,950

Viewing : Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION

AT

THIMBLEMILL RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE THIMBLEMILL ROAD, SMETHWICK. B67 6NR ON MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 2013 @ 6.30PM

		Anticipated Price Range
Lot 1:	**27 LOXLEY ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BL** Freehold 2 bedroomed villa in need of improvement	**£ circa 90,000**
Lot 2:	**9 WATTIS ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BB** Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced, double glazed & centrally heated	**£85 – 95,000**
Lot 3:	**25 HIGHFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6AP** Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed terraced needing cosmetic improvement	**£ circa 70,000**
Lot 4:	**66 KIMBERLEY ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 2DA** Freehold double glazed end terraced needing improvement	**£50 – 55,000**
Lot 5:	**126 HARVEST ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6NG** Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bed semi-detached	**£80 - 85,000**
Lot 6:	**155 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0NB** Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bed semi-detached with requiring improvement	**£circa 115,000**
Lot 7:	**8 PARK VIEW, WINSON GREEN B18 4HW** Freehold 2 bedroomed gas centrally heated villa	£ 65 – 70,000
Lot 8:	**57 REGINALD ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5AE** Freehold centrally heated and double glazed end terraced needing further improvement	**£75 - 80,000**
Lot 9:	**200 TAME ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0LA** Freehold 2 bedroomed detached bungalow, double glazed and centrally heated	**£125-130,000**
Lot 10:	**287 GILLOTT ROAD, EDGBASTON B16 0RX** Freehold semi-detached investment	**£180-190,000**
Lot 11:	**116 BLEAKHOUSE ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0LT** Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bed semi	**£80 – 85,000**
Lot 12:	**4 ALEXANDRA COURT, OLDBURY B68 8LX** Modern 2 bedroomed ground floor flat	**£45 – 50,000**
Lot 13:	**4 HOLLY ROAD, EDGBASTON B16 9NH** Freehold semi-detached investment	**£185-190,000**
Lot 14:	**127 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5HZ** Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached in need of upgrading	**£115–120,000**
Lot 15:	**88 POUND ROAD, OLDBURY BEARWOOD B68 9NB** Substantial 3 bedroomed semi-detached subject to an improvement programme requiring completion	**£185–195,000**
Lot 16:	**29 DARBY ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9SG** Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached needing full improvement	**£75 - 80,000**
Lot 17:	**20 CUMBERLAND ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0AL** Freehold double fronted and centrally heated 3 bed town house in need of modernisation	**£85 - 90,000**
Lot 18:	**23 LANGLEY CRESCENT, OLDBURY B68 8RR** Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached requiring modernisation	**£110-115,000**
Lot 19:	**55 MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BQ** Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced needing full improvement	**£100-110,000**
Lot 20:	**137 LIGHTWOODS ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BD** Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated villa in need of refurbishment	**£95 -100,000**

BROADWAY, OLDBURY

- Modern freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three good size bedrooms & bathroom with shower
- Hall, well proportioned lounge & kitchen/breakfast room
- Garage and off-street parking
- Delightful mature gardens
- Exceptionally convenient and popular location

Offers based on £139950

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BERTRAM ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Through lounge/dining room and kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom

OFFERS BASED ON £99,950

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NORMAN ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Close to Bearwood and Smethwick town centres
- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, two reception rooms and kitchen
- Providing ideal family accommodation

Offers based on £119,950

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NEW!

WOODBOURNE ROAD,

- Close to Warley Woods
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- 4 bedrooms, one with en-suite shower room
- Superbly presented fully tiled bathroom
- Lounge and open plan kitchen/dining room
- Utility and conservatory
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £219,950

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77 DIBBLE ROAD,

- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom with individual shower
- Spacious lounge
- Refitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY

OFFERS BASED ON £105,000

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16 BEECHFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Shower room
- Ideal for first time buyers
- ENERGY

OFFERS BASED ON £84,950

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Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

Superb set to stay ahead of the field

By Iain Dooley

BUILDING on the successful formula of space, refinement and generous levels of standard equipment, Skoda's latest generation Superb packs all the familiar qualities that's already convinced so many to sign on the dotted line.

Improvements to the Superb might not be immediately obvious, however Skoda has focused on the things that matter: cleaning up the engine range, sharpening up the car's looks to mirror that of the Rapid and latest Octavia, and adding some welcome extra kit.

Sculptured

Although the cosmetic changes are subtle, out has gone the slightly generic Skoda design, replaced by a more sculptured look fore and aft.

Inside the car's cabin it is largely business as usual. Detailed trim and material changes have done a good job of ensuring the Superb's cabin remains a plush environment for all occupants, though.

As before, this Superb's main selling point is its cabin space. Extended in all the right areas, front seat occupants are made to feel special while those in the rear can stretch out thanks to the generous amount of legroom offered. In the influential premium saloon class, rear space is important. You may be transporting clients or paying customers – either way, the Superb's extra inches do much to create an appealing executive ambience. And that's before you consider the car's voluminous boot – seats up or down.

You won't be paying executive prices for the Superb, though. As with the previous generation car, the sums involved are modest for something of this size and opulence. And Skoda is hoping that its generosity in the equipment department will prompt buyers to place the Superb high on their shopping lists, especially as similarly priced rivals offer less space and kit for similar money.

Generous

With four models to choose from (S, SE, Elegance and top-spec), the act of making a choice is no longer a simple one as there's a generous spread of standard kit even on the lower-spec models now.

Furthermore, this ensures the car remains competitive in the crowded company car market when value for money is a key driving force in purchasing decisions.

With alloy wheels, air conditioning, Bluetooth, electric windows and mirrors, chilled glovebox and seven airbags forming part of the Superb's core standard kit list, even the entry-level S model is hard to ignore.

SE models gain larger alloy wheels, a touchscreen audio screen and a greater choice of audio inputs, rear parking sensors plus a host of detailed interior and exterior trim accents.

The new Skoda Superb has seen design changes including a more sculptured look

The move up to Elegance sees a big uplift in specification, with xenon headlights, bigger (again) alloy wheels, touchscreen navigation, heated and powered front seats, leather upholstery and a heated windscreen.

Skoda's traditional flagship Laurent & Klement model adds front parking sensors, more leather, heated rear seats, an upgraded audio unit, TV tuner, privacy glass and gloss black cabin trim.

Skoda's generosity also extends to its engine range, greater efficiencies should mean you pay less at the pumps and to the taxman.

Some models benefit from cuts to CO2 emissions as high as 19 per cent, while Skoda boasts that every model delivers more miles per gallon and emits less at the tailpipe.

Buyers can choose from three petrol and three diesel engines, plus manual and DSG gearboxes depending on the particular model. Unusually in this sector there's also the option of all-wheel drive on selected variants, which will no doubt add a welcome all-weather dimension to the Superb for some buyers.

With diesel power the mainstay of the range, the choice ranges from a 1.6-litre 105 horsepower unit to a 2.0-litre unit in 140 and 170 horsepower guise. Petrol fans can choose between 1.4 and 1.8-litre units offering 125hp and 160hp respectively, plus a 3.6-litre V6 producing 260hp. Overall performance is, as you'd expect, biased towards refinement and comfort. The big Superb surprises with its agility yet there's no escaping the fact that it's built primarily to cosset its occupants. The well-weighted major controls and slick actions of the minor switchgear help boost the cabin's already impressive ambience, while the smooth-shifting transmissions – both manual and DSG – cement the car's place in the premium sector.

The Superb's plush interior

Just like with the previous incarnations of the Superb, Skoda has again produced a refined, spacious, enjoyable-to-drive mid-size executive car that, in reality, offers so much more than the established competition.

With a competitive pricing strategy plus innovative technology and good looks, Skoda has a car that continues to live up to its name.

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Motoring

The Vauxhall Insignia has been given an update, with style changes and more efficient engines

New styling to update the Vauxhall Insignia

THE Vauxhall Insignia has been given a mid-life update with new styling, more efficient engines and an internet-connected infotainment system.

In addition a new entry-level model starts from only £16,279; almost £2,000 less than the cheapest model in the outgoing range, making the spacious Insignia an even more accessible family car. Other headline changes include a new diesel engine with CO2 emissions of 99g/km, which means that Insignias equipped with it can escape road tax completely under the current vehicle excise duty rules. The engine recorded fuel economy of 76mpg under the standard European test cycle.

There are also two new four-cylinder petrol engines from the SIDI family first unveiled in the Cascada convertible. A 168bhp 1.6-litre option is joined by a new 246bhp choice for those looking for an Insignia with more urge.

Inside the cabin is a completely redesigned centre console and instrument cluster. The centre console has been simplified and now has fewer buttons for more intuitive operation of common functions, such as air conditioning and infotainment, while the instrument cluster has new dials and a fresh, hi-tech look.

Larger, higher-resolution colour infotainment and instrument cluster displays are optional across the range but are expected to be a popular upgrade.

Eight trim levels will be available, starting with Design and rising through Energy, Limited Edition, SRi, SRi VX-Line, SE, Tech Line and Elite, although not all engines are available at every trim level so entry prices for higher trim levels are in some cases lower than for inferior grades.

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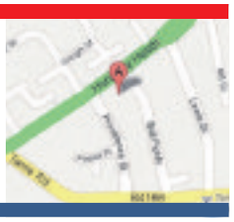

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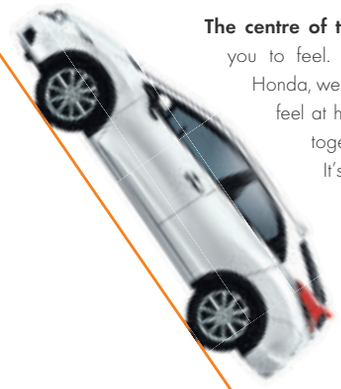

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The Lexus CT 200 hybrid can give good financial benefits to the business driver

The Lexus 200 has a small boot for the size of the car

Laid-back Lexus all set to be hybrid hit

By Matt Kimberley

YOU would think that if you matched up the excellence of Lexus with their superb build quality and refined vehicles and allied that back to Toyota and their hybrid technology you could spawn a vehicle that would tick all of the boxes that you require.

That is what I expected to find when I spent a week in company with the Lexus CT 200.

Lexus have combined a 4-cylider petrol engine with a displacement of 1798cc producing a not too adventurous 98 bhp, to this they have allied an electric motor which is producing a similar amount of brake horse power, add the two together and you end up with a vehicle producing in the region of 134bhp, quite a reasonable power output for a lightweight.

This is sufficient to give a top speed of 112 mph and a 0 – 60 in a not too excessive 10.3 seconds.

Lexus claim outrageous figures for fuel consumption, for example 70.6 on the extra urban, regrettably my time with the vehicle I could achieve nothing like this and I do question the methods used by some of the manufacturers to obtain them.

The computer suggested that I had achieved 48 mpg in a multitude set of driving conditions.

There can be little doubt that one of the big features of ownership of this particular vehicle is the benefit to the business user and the company car buyer.

They will instantly have the kudos of having a Lexus as their company car but the CO2 emissions are so extremely low that the financial savings will be quite good.

They do come at a price as the vehicle is not overly generous in its space but it is the premium badge that you are paying for.

The CT200 is available in 3-trim levels badged as SE1, SE L and Premium.

Refined

The interior, as you would expect from the Lexus brand, is very civilised and extremely well refined.

The interior was somewhat busy, there were an awful lot of buttons and certain aspects were a little difficult to understand.

The satellite navigational system for example seemed to be a little outdated, a particular road that I travel on quite often had a speed limit change over 12 months ago but the Lexus still insisted in telling me that the limit was 60 mph on this particular road when in fact it varied between 30, 40 and 50 mph in places.

I did like the factor that all passengers had plenty of head, leg and shoulder room, but the boot space is not overly generous and it was difficult to get two suit cases in.

The driving dynamics of the vehicle left me wanting a little bit.

In its automatic option when you pulled away from a junction in eco drive mode the electrics and the petrol are working in conjunction with each other but there were many occasions when I felt that the vehicle was an extremely lethargic performer, you have to reappraise your driving style totally if you are in the electric mode.

This is not a vehicle for the people who want to be rushing around, it is a vehicle for people who want to be economic in their driving style and it is also a vehicle for people who are green conscious.

Congestion

It does however make for an extremely relaxed laid back driving style.

Free road tax will be a bonus and if you do venture in to London the congestion charges will be minimal if not free dependant on what happens in the not too distant future.

The level of equipment was as you would expect on the high side, I did enjoy the heated front seats especially in the sub-arctic conditions that we experienced whilst I was in possession of the vehicle.

The Bluetooth worked after wading through the 250+ page manual and talking of manuals over 700 pages for a driver's manual is I believe a little on the excessive side.

The satellite navigation system as previously mentioned was easy to operate but it does come at a premium price and at £1,995 I think I would revert back to my little Tom Tom.

The vehicle is an imposing small vehicle and the competition is the Audi A3 or the BMW 3 Series, but the Lexus does score heavily in the economics of ownership and huge green credentials.

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SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Metro Plaza – West Bromwich Ringway, West Bromwich)
(No Loading at Any Time Restriction, West Bromwich Ringway)
(Traffic Regulation Order) 2013

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 45 and 46 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, proposes to make an Order which will have the effect, in part, of introducing the following restriction:-

1. To introduce no loading at any time in part of the south side of West Bromwich Ringway, West Bromwich.

A copy of the draft Order, a statement of reasons for making the Order and map showing parking restrictions may be inspected at the offices of the Area Director of Street Scene, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE between the hours of 8am - 5.30pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8am - 5pm on Fridays. Plans are also available to view on the council's website.

Notice of Consultation in relation to Proposed Speed Reduction Measures at Metro Plaza – West Bromwich Ringway,
West Bromwich

1. Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of Sandwell proposes under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980, to construct a speed table at the location in the road specified in the Schedule to this Notice for the purpose of reducing the speed of vehicles.

SCHEDULE
Schedule of Flat Top Speed Table

Road	Location	Length (m)	Width (m)	Height (mm)
West Bromwich Ringway	Between entrance/exit to bus station and traffic signal junction to markets/ Morrisons car parks	69.5	6.3	75

A copy of the map showing the proposed location of the speed table may be inspected at the offices of the Area Director of Street Scene, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE between the hours of 8am - 5.30pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8am - 5pm on Fridays. Plans are also available to view on the council's website.

Any person wishing to make an objection or representation to the proposed Orders must do so in writing stating the grounds of their objections in writing to Mr Irfan Choudry, Service Manager – Highways, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE or by email to highways@sandwell.gov.uk by no later than the 1st August 2013.

Dated this 11th day of July 2013

S HANDLEY, Area Director Street Scene, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE

Section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949
Section 6(3A)(a) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004
The Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PREMISES
THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SANDWELL

being the authority for the purposes of the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, **HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that an application has been made by – **Ms Tracy Gent** being the proprietor of premises situated and known as **The Great Barr Hotel, Pear Tree Drive, Newton Road, Great Barr, B43 6HS** for the approval of those premises for the solemnisation of marriages in pursuance of Section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949 and the registration of Civil Partnerships in pursuance of Section 6(3A)(a) of The Civil Partnerships Act 2004.

The application, together with a plan of the premises which accompanied it, may be inspected at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

Between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00pm, and at
Sandwell Register Office, Highfields, High Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, between the hours of 9.30am and 4.30 pm (Monday to Friday).

Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of approval of such application, with reasons for the objection, within 21 days from the date of publication of the newspaper in which this notice appears.

Such notice of objection should be given to the Authority to: Neeraj Sharma, Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE. (Ref: NS/AHR)

Dated 11th July 2013

J BRITTON, Chief Executive
On behalf of the Authority

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regeneration and Economy
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

I hereby give notice that Sandwell Council has received the following applications under the planning acts which it is required to give public notice for the reason given at the beginning of each group of applications.

The proposed development may affect the setting of a Listed Building(s), and the character or appearance of a Conservation Area.

DC/13/55880	Mr Abdul Qayuum Unity Property Investments	Land At Rear Of 12 Unity Place Oldbury	Proposed 8 No. residential apartments consisting of 1 No. 1 bedroom flat and 7 No. 2 bedroom flats.

Members of the public may inspect copies of these applications at Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE

(between 8.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8.00a.m. to 5p.m. Friday) or via the Council's Public Access website (www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can do so via the website, or should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days (and 21 days for Listed Building or Conservation Area consent) of the date of this advertisement quoting the application reference number.

MR NICK BUBALO, Area Director – Regeneration and Economy

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
The Borough Council of Sandwell (Grove Lane, Smethwick)
(Temporary Side Road Closure) Order 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding into the road off Grove Lane, Smethwick from its junction with Grove Lane to the junction with Rosedale Avenue.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Grove Lane, Woodlands Street, Rosedale Avenue and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 22nd July 2013, and the Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the works should be directed to Dave Andrews of Friel Construction on 07584 683 334 and those relating to the effect of the Order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands DATED this 11th day of July 2013

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Team must focus on survival - Morrison

JAMES Morrison has warned Albion survival must be their focus next season.

The Baggies raised expectations with an unlikely 11th-place finish in the Premier League last term. But midfield star Morrison is conscious of 'second season syndrome' and reckons avoiding relegation must remain the club's main aim in Roy Hodgson's first full season at the helm.

"Our goal is staying up," said the 25-year-old. "Try and get to 40 points, secure safety and then see what happens.

"The fans are going to be thinking we'll stay up. But football doesn't give you that, you have to work hard.

"I think the lads are confident they can play in the Premier League. But they have to have in the back of their minds 'second season syndrome'.

"We still have to put the effort in and still have that quality we played with last season.

"We need to try and keep the team spirit.

"We went 1-0 down a few times last season but always came back fighting and that showed what a good team spirit we had.

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"This week has just been about catching up and I think once we're in America it will hit home that we have a tough season ahead of us.

"It's a massive season. We still need to get rid of that yo-yo tag.

"I still think people call us that and we need to build this club.

"There is no better place than being in the Premier League and if we can build the club we can make it an established Premier League club." The fixtures computer has handed Albion a third successive daunting start to a Premier League season.

Having opened their 2008-09 campaign with defeat at Arsenal and started last season with a hammering at Chelsea, the Baggies will take on champions Manchester United at home in the August 13 opener.

And that is followed by a trip to Chelsea and a reunion with former boss Roberto Di Matteo a week later. And Morrison said: "Last year we had a tough start and in my first Premier League season with the club we had Arsenal away on the opening day. I think we have upset a few people! But you've got to play these teams some time and maybe it's the best time to play them. Having said that, we lost 6-0 at Chelsea last season on the opening day of the season!

"When we go there we'll keep our heads held high because we went to the Emirates last season and won and drew 2-2 as well at Manchester United.

"There's no reason we can't do that sort of thing again."

Morrison was speaking at the official launch of Albion's new junior membership scheme for the 2011/12 season.

Third loss in a row for below par side

WBDartmouth 1st XI 223-9
Knowle &Dorridge 227-3
K&Dorridge won by 7 wkts

Dartmouth's poor run continued as they stumbled to a third successive defeat.

Zeeshan Asif top scored with 68 but 223 was a below par score. Alex Phillips hit a chanceless 141 no as K&D strolled to a seven wicket win.

Halesowen 222
WBD 2nd XI 141-4
Match drawn

Anaesh Patel took 4-32 for Daartmouth but 222 proved too big a total for a young Dartmouth side. Kiran Patel scored 56 not out in Dartmouth's reply and there was 41 not out for Najuf Ikhlaq on his second team debut.

Highcroft & Great Barr Unity 197-9
WBD 198-7
Dartmouth won by 3 wkts.

A last wicket stand of 62 took Highcroft to a challenging totalbut Dartmouth managed a 3 wicket win.

Hawkins 267-6
WBD 4th XI 171-9
Match drawn

Shoaib Farooque took 3-43 for Dartmouth but Hawkins' imposing total of 267 was too much for a young Dartmouth side.

On Saturday Dartmouth host Barnt Green in the Premier Division of the Birmingam League.

Villa vow to be ready for new season

PAUL LAMBERT says Villa will be ready for their daunting start to the new season.

Villa go to Arsenal on day one of the Premier League season on August 17 and host Liverpool a week later.

Their game at Chelsea has been postponed due to the Blues' Super Cup clash against Bayern Munich on August 30.

Lambert, who takes the squad to Germany on Sunday, believes his new-look team will be prepared.

He said: "You have to be ready. We've got to go to Arsenal on the first day.

"That's the thing, you go there and first day of the season everybody is expecting probably Arsenal to win."

The squad is in Germany for training camp and play three games ahead of their first pre-season match in England at Wycombe on July 20.

Anelka should inspire the squad, says Clarke

BOSS Steve Clarke says Nicolas Anelka can inspire the Albion squad after the two-time Premier League winner completed his move to The Hawthorns.

Anelka penned a one-year Baggies contract last week to become the club's highest profile signing since Kanu joined in 2004.

The 34-year-old, who won the Champions League with Real Madrid, signed a deal that includes an option for a further year in the club's favour.

And Clarke said: "We are missing a bit of firepower from last year – we're trying to put that right – and to kick off with the signing of Nicolas at the start of the summer is a great boost for everyone at the club.

"The sole focus at the club is trying to build on what we did last season.

"The more quality players you can bring to the club the better – and no-one can question Nicolas' quality. He's a player I have worked with before as I was at Chelsea when they signed him.

"He's got a great work ethic, looks after himself and is a consummate professional.

"If you add that to the obvious talent he's got, I think he can prove to be a really top signing for the club.

"His experience with some of the top clubs in England and Europe will stand the group in good stead.

"Hopefully he will be able to inspire the other players to even greater heights than

Albion

we managed to achieve last year."

Albion, who finished eighth last season, hope Anelka can help fill the void left by Romelu Lukaku following his season-long loan from Chelsea.

Anelka could still be joined at The Hawthorns by former Stamford Bridge team-mate Salomon Kalou, who remains a target for Clarke.

Kalou is available from French club Lille to any club who activate his release clause – believed to be around £2.6m – but the Ivory Coast international's wage demands could prove a stumbling block and West Ham are interested.

The Baggies are also set for talks in the next few days with the representatives of former Watford loanee striker Matej Vydra, who is looking to return to England from Udinese on another season-long loan. Out-of-contract ex-Wigan striker Franco Di Santo is a possibility along with PSV Eindhoven striker Ola Toivonen.

Impressive home form continues for Brummies

BIRMINGHAM'S impressive home form has continued with a convincing 52-44 victory over reigning champions Swindon.

The Robins had previously beat the Selco Brummies at Perry Barr, however the Wiltshire outfit endured no such luck as a lack of back up for the Robin's heat leaders proved costly.

Brummies skipper Danny King rediscovered his form with an impressive nine point return – which included back-to-back heat wins in his opening rides.

Martin Smolinski also impressed, returning with double figures, as did reserve Josh Auty – despite an exclusion.

Front, Brummies' Josh Auty rides against Ashley Birks. *Picture Aaron Lupton*

Territory

Danny King spearheaded the Brummies side in the early heats as Swindon found themselves in tactical territory as early as heat 6.

Troy Batchelor took the black and white helmet colour – following ignition problems in his first ride – the risk though paid off as Batchelor brought the visitors within six points.

A further 4-2 advantage for the Robins in heat 7 reduced the gap to five points – halving the Brummies previous 10 point lead in just two heats.

Martin Smolinksi was involved in two 5-1s for the Selco Brummies in quick succession to allow Swindon team manager Alun Rossiter the opportunity of a tactical ride.

A rerun was required though as in the initial staging Josh Auty was deemed to cause the race stoppage as the Yorkshire man dived inside Hans Andersen on bend three causing the Dane to fall at high speed.

Josh explained in his post meeting that there had been a little contact between the two. Andersen however, picked himself up to get the better of Team GB member Chris Harris in the rerun to earn the Robins a 7-2 – and reduce the gap to just eight points.

Three successive wins for home riders in heats 12-14 denied Swindon any chance of a win on the night as Jason Doyle proved to pull off a successful debut at No 1 with a win over Hans Andersen in heat 13.

Despite the best efforts of Peter Kildemand, the Dane was lacking in support from the scoreless Cory Gathercole which resulted in a maximum Brummies win.

A Robins 5-1 in the finale brought little consolation to Alun Rossiter's men as they missed the chance to cement their place in the top four.

Birmingham: Josh Auty 10+2, Martin Smolinski 10+1, Daniel King 9, Jason Doyle 8+2, Chris Harris 7, Ben Barker 6+1, Nico Covatti 2.

Swindon: Hans Andersen 15+1, Troy Batchelor 14+1, Peter Kildemand 8, Ashley Birks 4, Nick Morris 2, Edward Kennett 1, Cory Gathercole 0.

Long-time football chairman dies at 71

THE chairman of Birmingham County Football Association has died.

Roger Wood, aged 71, was the leader of the BCFA for 22 years, he died on July 1.

Mr Wood, also an FA council member, was a hugely popular figure in the game and his dedication to his role of Birmingham County FA Chairman was second to none. He leaves behind his wife Gill.

He was described as a real advocate of grassroots football and always looking for ways to push the game forward.

Mike Pennick, Chief Executive at BCFA said: "Roger has been the heartbeat of this County FA for 22 years and a constant source of support and guidance for us all. He truly will be missed by everyone involved in football."

His funeral will take place on Thursday July 18 at 2.15pm at Perry Barr Crematorium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, B42 2LR with a reception afterwards at the Conservative Pub, Newton Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 6BN. Flowers can be sent to the Co-operative Funeral Directors on 606 Walsall Road, B42 1EZ.

The Blues get hold of two players

BIRMINGHAM have completed a double swoop with the captures of Dan Burn and Matt Green.

Fulham centre-back Burn has joined on a season-long loan while Mansfield striker Green has signed a two-year contract.

Burn, aged 21, spent the majority of last season on loan with Yeovil Town, where he made 41 appearances and scored three goals, including the winner in the League One play-off final against Brentford.

The 6ft 7in defender said: "I'm really happy to have joined and I'm just looking to get back to pre-season training now.

"The history of this club was something that convinced me to join.

Green, 26, has hit 56 goals for the Stags over the last two campaigns. The signings follow on from the arrival of Swansea defender Kyle Bartley on a season-long loan.

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Heathens complete a double on Wolves

DUDLEY completed the double over local rivals Wolverhampton with a 54-39 victory in the Les Pottinger Memorial Trophy at Monmore Green.

Against a strong Wolves side, Heathens put in a powerful display to maintain their excellent form.

Boss Will Pottinger was in jubilant mood following another victory.

He said: "I'm really happy with another win against Wolves, and they've been two really valuable meetings.

"Lewis Blackbird and Paul Starke were both in excellent form, and all the other lads chipped in to make sure we did enough.

"The lads have proved over the last two meetings we're a good team."

Lewis Blackbird spearheaded the former-Cradley club with a faultless 15 point maximum, whilst Paul Starke also put in an all-action display with only one defeat.

Skipper Ashley Morris returned eight vital points, and the remaining four of Max Clegg, Nathan Greaves, Gareth Isherwood and Dan Greenwood all made useful contributions.

DUDLEY 54: Lewis Blackbird 15, Paul Starke 13+1, Ashley Morris 8, Nathan Greaves 6+1, Max Clegg 4+2, Dan Greenwood 4+1, Gareth Isherwood 4
WOLVERHAMPTON 39: Robert Branford 12, James Sarjeant 10+2, Kyle Newman 9+1, Joe Haines 7, Tom Woolley 1, Michael Neale 0, Damien Koppe R/R

Gordon bid is ruled out

WALSALL boss Dean Smith has ruled out making an immediate move for Tobagan teenager Jem Gordon.

The 19-year-old, who currently plies his trade for Phoenix 1976 in the Trinidad and Tobago Super League, was the standout of several local players handed trials by the Saddlers during their Caribbean tour.

Gordon scored three goals, including a brace which sparked the dramatic comeback in Sunday's 3-2 win over a Pro League XI.

He also featured this week as Smith's side completed their tour with a 1-1 draw against hosts Central FC at the Haseley Crawford Stadium.

But while the Saddlers boss has promised to keep tabs on his progress, he believes Gordon still has plenty of work to do before he is ready for League One.

Big Ron is backing Nic to make an impact

Albion

FORMER Albion boss Ron Atkinson has backed 'glamour' signing Nicolas Anelka to make an impact – and attract other new signings to The Hawthorns.

Big Ron – no stranger to adding flair to the Baggies – reckons the Frenchman will inspire his new team-mates and also help boss Steve Clarke sell the club to other recruits.

"Steve Clarke knows him well from his Chelsea days and will have checked all this out to his satisfaction, I'm sure," said Atkinson.

"And it's a bit of glamour for Albion, isn't it? He's a big name – and Albion fans love someone with a bit of flair. He will have a big impact, I would have thought, in the dressing room. The other players will respond to his presence, there's no doubt about that.

"But there's another benefit, too, in that it might make the job of selling the club to other targets this summer a little easier.

"Steve Clarke can say: 'Well, Anelka's signed – we must have something going for us' and perhaps land one or two who will see that.

"It's a big lift for everyone, but he's got to be able to do it when it matters. There's no hiding from that.

"If Albion are just going on past reputation, then it's a risk. But if they have assessed him – as I'm sure they will have done – then they obviously feel he can do it still. He's been out of the picture for a bit and only played three games in that Juventus spell.

"That might mean he didn't match their expectations – but that might also mean he is fresh and hungry to prove he can still cut it."

Albion hope Anelka can help replace the goals of Romelu Lukaku following the teenager's spectacular loan spell from Chelsea last season. Atkinson has played down the former Arsenal, Liverpool, Chelsea and Real Madrid man's reputation as 'Le Sulk' – a tag coined during his teenage days with the Gunners.

"I think Albion fans will like him – he's certainly very skilful, one of the top centre-forwards in Europe for a long time.

"He's experienced, he scores goals and above all he is a quality player, the sort the fans will look to become the main man.

"Providing he hasn't lost his enthusiasm, it looks to me a good deal."

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ASTON BELTS UP TO CLAIM FIRST TITLE

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston was the boss of fight night at Wolverhampton Civic Hall to win his first title after his opponent retired with a rib injury at the start of the fourth round.

Harry Matthews' movement had been impaired by a crunching body shot and, with his left eye also marked, punishment for the other six scheduled rounds seemed futile.

It brought to an end Aston's best performance in the pro ranks to date in his 12th paid contest. He left the Civic on Saturday night with the British Masters super middleweight belt.

by Craig Birch

The match was made outside of the 22-year-old's usual realm of middleweight as Matthews had stepped in at just over a couple of days notice but it was, nonetheless, an impressive result.

The never-stopped 'Pocklington Rocket,' a former Central Area champion and English title challenger, certainly didn't bully Aston as he would have liked.

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Aston bounced out of the corner from the opening bell and soon connected with two right hooks.

The right hook was his primary weapon, but he bamboozled Matthews back into the corner with a big left in the second.

Matthews kept on coming forward in the third right up until he was hurt by a loaded right hook to the ribcage that nearly took him off his feet and signalled the beginning of the end.

There was much deliberation at the end of the round as Matthews considered boxing on with trainer Glenn Banks making the call to retire to the referee, Dudley's Shaun Messer, one second into the fourth.

What was supposed to be a five-fight undercard turned into four contests with Swadlincote's Craig Wilshee left dismayed after a no-show from his opponent, Worthing's James Child.

The reasons given was that Childs was on board a train from London to Birmingham that had struck someone on the tracks, forcing a long delay that saw the bout cancelled.

Tipton's Ricky Summers was pleased to be in action on the under-card after months out of the ring due to the passing of his mother, Shirley, who lost her battle with leukaemia in March.

Summers, usually a light heavy, had to lose nearly a stone-and-a-half as he struggled with his personal grief. He dedicated the fight to his mother's memory.

Derby puncher Elvis Dube wasn't the easiest introduction back into pro life for the former senior ABA national semi-finalist, who had two fights paid experience, but he coped well.

Wisely unwilling to trade with a heavy hitter, Summers, 25, stayed behind his jab and enjoyed success when putting his punches together in the second.

Summers kept his head moving to record a shut-out points victory by 40-36.

New signing Anelka looking to enjoy himself

Former Arsenal, Real Madrid, Liverpool, Chelsea and Juventus star Nicolas Anelka signs for Albion

ALBION new-boy Nicolas Anelka claims he has moved to The Hawthorns to "enjoy" his football after completing his high-profile transfer.

Anelka penned a one-year Baggies contract last week with boss Steve Clarke claiming the Frenchman can "inspire" the rest of his squad.

The 34-year-old, who won the Champions League with Real Madrid, signed a deal that includes an option for a further year in the club's favour.

Anelka said: "I know the club and I know the manager and I know he wants to play football. That's why I signed here. I know it's a big club, a good club and a family club and I know some of the players. That's why I wanted to play here. I'm 34 years old now and I want to enjoy my football so I think this is the right move for me."

Albion, who finished eighth last season, hope Anelka can help fill the void left by Romelu Lukaku following his season-long loan from Chelsea.

Anelka, who was a free agent after leaving Italian champions Juventus at the end of last season, will wear his customary No.39 shirt.

He won the league and FA Cup double with Arsenal and Chelsea as well as playing for Liverpool, Manchester City and Bolton in England and winning domestic titles with Fenerbahce in Turkey and Juventus in Italy and the European Championships with France in 2000.

He is joint 12th in the Premier League's all-time goalscoring charts with 123 goals.

Clarke said: "We are missing a bit of firepower from last year – we're trying to put that right – and to kick off with the signing of Nicolas at the start of the summer is a great boost for everyone at the club.

"The sole focus at the club is trying to build on what we did last season."

Backing as Popov returns

ALBION boss Steve Clarke says Goran Popov's best is yet to come after the Baggies resigned the defender for another season.

Popov completed his second loan move to The Hawthorns from Dynamo Kiev and will battle again with Liam Ridgewell for a starting role at left-back.

And, despite a dip in form for the Macedonia international at the end of last season, Clarke is adamant he will continue to improve in the Premier League.

"He understands the Premier League better now as well and we will look for even more from him next season."

Popov joined Albion initially on loan from Dynamo a year ago and became a hit with fans after impressive performances but his form dipped and the club decided not to activate an option that would have made his move permanent.

However, they immediately opened negotiations over a new loan deal and the 28-year-old former Heerenveen full-back has returned with a move to a permanent transfer next summer.

Another home game on screen

WOLVES' second home game of the season against Crawley Town has been selected for live coverage by Sky Sports.

The first ever competitive meeting between the clubs has been brought forward 24 hours to Friday, August 23, with a 7.45pm kick off.

The announcement means two of Wolves' first five fixtures will be screened live on TV. The Capital One Cup tie away to Morecambe is to be shown on Tuesday, August 6 (7.45pm).

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